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WE WILL TARGET YOBS, SAYS CHIEF

THE leader of Sandwell Council has pledged to use new powers to crack down on anti-social behaviour across the borough.

Councillor Darren Cooper said new regulations under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 would enable the council to tackle problems at an earlier stage.

by Dominic Bareham

Sandwell Council's cabinet is set to delegate new powers to senior council officers so they can start using them straight away.

Councillor Cooper said: "We've always been at the forefront of national initiatives to tackle anti-social behaviour – with many successes in recent years to reduce its impact on our communities.

"Sandwell feels like a safer place – but I still hear too many stories of incidents that affect people's confidence to go out. We want to stop bad behaviour as soon as it starts.

Crime

"We'll be making full use of these new powers to help stop anti-social behaviour getting out of hand, making sure the council, police, housing associations, fire service and other partners get involved at the earliest opportunity."

Since 2002/3, the total recorded crime in Sandwell has fallen by 54 per cent and 22,091 fewer crimes were recorded in 2013/14 compared to 2002/3.

A new civil injunction order, set to come into force in March, will help organisations give a quick response to an individual's anti-social behaviour, while the council and its partners will also have more ability to tackle noise, graffiti and nuisance drinking. The time it takes to close down problem homes and businesses or evict tenants causing nuisance and disorder will be speeded up.

The act also introduces two new tools to give victims and communities a say in the way authorities deal with problems.

The Community Trigger to allow victims to demand a review of their case and hold authorities to account where there has been no, or inadequate, action in response to reports, and the Community Remedy which will give victims a say in out-of-court punishments of people committing low-level crime and anti-social behaviour.

Neighbourhoods cabinet member Mahboob Hussain said: "We will use these new powers to build on our current, successful partnership working to tackle perpetrators more quickly and effectively.

"This will help us reduce crime and anti-social behaviour further in Sandwell as our officers continue to work closely together at a neighbourhood level to tackle problems at an earlier stage."

Anyone with information concerning anti-social behaviour is urged to call 101.

Pub protection is a victory for punters

Cheers – front, from left, Mike Shackleton, Huwey Lucas, Jim Mumford, Tim Haskey and pub licensee Laura Eden

CAMPAIGNERS who have secured greater protection for a Black Country pub have urged others wary of the threat of developers to follow their lead.

The Haden Cross in Cradley Heath is to be listed as an Asset of Community Value after pressure from a friends group set up by people who live in the area. It comes after plans to build a Co-operative store on its car park off Halesowen Road were rejected by councillors.

The ACV gives the Friends of Haden Cross the opportunity to bid for the pub should it be put up for sale.

The group's chairman Tim Haskey said: "It is the first pub in Sandwell to be granted the status and it is testament to the group. We are trailblazers.

"We sent over 300 tweets to Darren Cooper (leader of Sandwell Council) and that lobbying has paid dividends.

"It is concrete recognition that the community want to keep this as a pub, so if any plans come up to change its use we will come down on them like a ton of bricks. It gives us a little bit of power and a little bit of clout."

He said: "We would advise other groups who want to protect the longevity of a pub to do the same, even if they are comfortable with the current owners. It only takes 21 like-minded members to start getting that protection in place. I would recommend anyone who cares about their community pub to do it."

The Haden Cross is just one of 202 pubs bought by Jersey-based property developers New River Retail for £90 million last year.

Mr Haskey acknowledged that the threat still remained to the pub but said the community feels less anxious now the ACV has been secured.

He said: "We're a happy bunch but we're not winding down."

Church to be given new life as centre

A CHURCH will be expanded and transformed into a new community hub in a bid to boost a rundown area of Cradley.

Providence Methodist Church will also bring back a former 19th century Sunday school building into use under the scheme. Church leaders said they wanted to retain the heritage of the site by also revamping disused land once home to a chapel for apartments.

The plans include creating a new entrance outside the church, off Windmill Hill, to improve access to the main buildings which are on two levels on the hill.

The two-storey extension would also create a new entrance ramp and handrail.

The Reverend Robert Readshaw, who is in charge at Providence Church, said he was pleased the project was moving forward.

"It is an exciting plan, but we have to get planning permission first. There has been quite a lot of work gone into the plans," he said.

The Sunday school building, also known as the Carpenter's Workshop, has been left empty for the past two to three years after tenants moved out. But the building would be renovated and become home to a branch of the Black Country Food Bank.

Hit-and-run victim hurt

A MOTORCYCLIST has suffered head injuries in a hit-and-run crash in Smethwick.

Police are searching for a dark coloured, saloon – possibly a VW Passat – which struck the motorcyclist before driving off.

Emergency crews were called to the junction of Astbury Avenue and Mill Hill at around 1.20pm on Sunday. The 21-year-old was taken to hospital. Police said he was recovering at home.

Call police on 101 with information.

Motorbike rider ban as chase hit 95mph

A MOTORCYCLIST who hit 95mph on a stolen superbike during a police chase has been banned from the road for 18 months.

Leon Barratt, aged 22, drove on the wrong side of the road, went straight over an island and only narrowly missed an oncoming lorry before he eventually crashed into a roundabout on March 23 last year.

Judge Andrew Lockhart QC, sitting at Wolverhampton Crown Court, said Barratt had been 'showing off'. The court heard that unemployed Barratt was spotted by police driving at 75mph in a 50mph zone along the Black Country New Road in Wednesbury at 9.18pm.

He was on an orange KTM 390 worth £4,500 that was stolen from a house in Tipton. Mr David Bennett, prosecuting, said that when an officer put on his lights and started following Barratt he accelerated to 95mph. Barratt was said not to be directly connected to the theft of the bike or numberplate which had belonged to a caravan in Tipton.

Barratt, of Willenhall Road, Bilston, admitted dangerous driving and driving without either a licence or insurance. He was given a six month jail term suspended for 18 months and told to do 150 hours of unpaid work.

New school is on its way

A NEW 1,200-place secondary school will be built in Sandwell. It will be the first new school built in the borough for 10 years and will be built on the former Langley High School site on Moat Road in Oldbury.

The plans were given the go-ahead by the Department for Education and construction will begin as soon as planning permission is granted.

Council leader Darren Cooper said the school was 'much needed' in Oldbury.

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Grandmother's death came after op

A CORONER has ruled that the death of a grandmother was an accidental side-effect of a necessary treatment.

Zanib Bibi, aged 79, died when a temporary pacing wire, inserted into her arteries after she suffered a heart attack, perforated her right ventricle in November last year.

Coroner Zafar Siddique ruled that Mrs Bibi, who was living at Beeches Road, Great Barr, with her son at the time of her death, would have died much sooner if the procedure had not been carried out at Sandwell General Hospital on November 14.

In a statement at the inquest at Sandwell Coroner's Court, Mrs Bibi's family said she was a "lovely, jolly person" and that her death came as a complete shock.

Mrs Bibi had been complaining of chest and abdominal pains in the days leading up to her death. She collapsed at her son's Great Barr home and was immediately rushed to Sandwell General Hospital, where doctors realised she was having a heart attack.

The doctor treating Mrs Bibi, Dr Derek Connolly, said she was suffering a heart attack at the bottom of her heart due to a blockage in her arteries.

Mrs Bibi, who was originally from Pakistan, was placed on blood thinners and an operation was carried out to insert a temporary pacing wire into her artery. Later that night, due to the softening of arteries, the wire migrated, causing her sudden death. Mr Connolly said: "You should be assured my mortality rate is very low, just 2.31 per cent in more than 1,871 cases.We do fantastic work for the vast majority of patients and I am sorry Mrs Bibi was not one of them."

Coroner Mr Siddique ruled a narrative verdict. He said: "The operation that was performed was absolutely necessary and has recognised risks. If it had not been carried out Mrs Bibi would have passed away much sooner."

Mother and daughter in benefits claim fraud

A BLACK Country mother and daughter illegally pocketed almost £50,000 in disability benefits while working at hospitals.

Both denied the offences but were found guilty after separate trials held weeks apart.

Sandwell General Hospital staff member Wendy Perry pocketed around £28,500 over five years, while her daughter Nicola Manson-Perry picked up more than £20,000 in a nine-year carbon copy racket before being exposed.

Both claimed they had difficulty walking.

The daughter was given a 34-week jail term, suspended for two years, at Wolverhampton Crown Court last week. Her mother will learn her fate next month.

The 66-year-old mother received Disability Living Allowance payouts after claiming she could barely walk. She said she had to hold onto the wall for balance to ensure she did not fall or stumble while walking to her desk from the hospital car park.

Increased

The medical secretary alleged she had difficulty communicating and filling in forms. She increased the pay out by stating she needed constant care both day and night.

Her daughter, 48-year-old Manson-Perry, with whom she lives in Warner Road, Wednesbury, was running a disability benefits fraud of her own that netted £20,404.

She worked as a £22,000-a-year accounts clerk based at City Hospital, Birmingham and at one stage claimed it took her 10 minutes to walk two metres.

Workmates never noticed any restriction to her mobility in the office, it was said.

The mother alleged she had a variety of medical problems while the daughter claimed to have a back condition and difficulty with her knee.

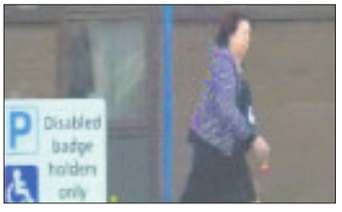
It was never disputed that they had medical problems but both vastly exaggerated any resulting disability.

Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) investigators spent four days secretly filming her walking from her car to Sandwell Hospital without aids or assistance and with no obvious sign of a limp in April 2013. That month the probe was broadened to include her daughter after it was discovered that Manson-Perry had applied for a disability parking permit.

Inquiries revealed she was also picking up disability living allowance. They were arrested on August 21, 2013. During their trials, both women maintained they were innocent of benefit fraud but were convicted of failing to report a change in circumstances.

Wendy Perry and daughter Nicola Manson-Perry outside Wolverhampton Crown Court

Wendy Perry locks her car in the hospital car park



She then walks away unassisted to her office

It was not suggested that either claim was fraudulent from the outset but neither reported improvements in their condition.

Judge Robin Onions told Manson-Perry: "At some stage your mobility significantly increased and I am satisfied you knew that."

The Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospital NHS Trust which runs Sandwell General and City Hospitals said: "The Trust is aware that two members of staff have been found guilty of offences related to benefit fraud. Upon their conviction both members of staff were suspended whilst formal investigations are ongoing to assess whether disciplinary action should be taken.

"The formal investigations are expected to conclude in March."

Victorian buildings could win an award

THE Victorian Society has launched a new conservation award for the best work carried out to Victorian and Edwardian buildings in the West Midlands.

Nominations can be submitted via the society's website until December with the winner announced in February 2016.

Entries will be judged on the care taken to retain the building's original fabric, conservation of fragile aspects and careful adaption to meet current needs for re-use of the building.

Stephen Hartland, chairman of the Victorian Society's Birmingham and West Midlands Group, said: "We want to counter the impression that the Society is only involved when things go wrong and buildings are threatened.

"Hopefully, this new conservation award will help draw attention to this good work and the region's architectural gems."

A shortlist of the nominations will be released in January 2016 with the overall winner announced at group's February 2016 AGM.

The winner will receive a 15 inch bronze disc recording their name and the year for display and a certificate.

Pupil lessons in Mandarin

YOUNGSTERS from two Black Country schools took part in Mandarin lessons.

Pupils at Jubilee Academy, in Walsall, and Bristnall Hall Academy, Oldbury, learned the language thanks to their sponsor, Academy Transformation Trust.

The event was held to coincide with the Chinese New Year and the interactive workshops were led by Little Dragons Chinese Language School.

There were also activities such as storytelling, Chinese dragon mask-making, dances, songs and tai chi.

Vans targeted

VANS are being targeted in a spate of vehicle crime around Pheasey. There have been at least nine attacks on vehicles since the new year. Sat navigation systems are among the items stolen. Police have warned residents to make sure their vehicles are locked overnight.

Services views are sought by patients

PATIENTS in Sandwell are being urged to give their views on whether they feel urgent care services are up to standard. As part of a review of the services, a listening exercise is being carried out until March 20.

The aim is to hear about people's personal experiences, and their thoughts on how urgent and emergency care in Sandwell and west Birmingham might be improved. It comes amid plans for the transformation of local services, including urgent and emergency care, to prepare for the new Midland Met Hospital due to open in Smethwick by 2018.

Urgent and emergency care reviews are currently taking place across the whole of England due to the increasing pressure being faced by the services. In Sandwell and west Birmingham, patients have already said they find the services confusing. Dr Nick Harding, chairman of Sandwell and West Birmingham CCG, said: "The review is at a very early stage and no decisions have been taken."

The CCG is encouraging people to have their say by completing the online survey at www.sandwellandwestbhamccg.nhs.uk before March 20.

Oak House repairs due

MAJOR repairs to a grade II listed Tudor house – including work to a rare viewing tower – is set to get under way in the spring.

The 500-year-old Oak House, is set to undergo the £125,000 project, which is scheduled to start in April. A survey on the house, in Oak Road, West Bromwich, has thrown up essential repairs to timber and flashing in the belvedere – a viewing tower.

Deputy council leader Mahboob Hussain said: "It is important that we maintain this historic house for future generations."

Family rehoused

FOUR people, including a three-month-old baby, rescued from a flat fire are to be rehoused, Walsall Housing Group says. The blaze, in a block of flats in Gretton Crescent, Aldridge, occurred on February 9 and was caused by a faulty fan heater.

Will Peace sell up as Baggies chairman?

SPECULATION is growing over the financial future of West Bromwich Albion after chairman Jeremy Peace announced he is actively seeking a buyer for the club.

Peace has launched a hunt for new investors that could lead to him selling his controlling stake in the Baggies for the right price, coming hot on the heels of a bumper Premier League TV deal.

Albion, which could be worth more than £40 million following the new £5.14bn broadcast rights deal announced last week, has issued a document to experts in the City in a bid to sell itself as an attractive investment to British or overseas businessmen.

And while he believes an outright bid for his 76 per cent controlling stake is unlikely, Peace would consider selling if the right offer was received.

The document highlights Albion's five successive seasons in the Premier League, its rich history and its debt-free accounts as key selling points.

Peace last made a public appeal for investors in 2008 following the club's promotion to the Premier League under Tony Mowbray but he received no formal offers.

Although he initially set a deadline in 2008 for expressions of interest, he has since reiterated that the door remains open to anyone willing to make an offer for shares. However, this latest move is his first active appeal for new investors since 2008.

Last year he launched the latest of several share buyouts which saw him increase his stake to 76 per cent.

Alan Cleverley, secretary of the West Bromwich Albion Supporters' Club, said: "I would be very sad to see him go. He has had his critics over the years but he has kept us together, there is very little debt and in the last five years kept us in the Premier League and the training facilities here are unbelievable. I am shocked."

Albion's local rivals Aston Villa have been unable to find a buyer since the club was put up for sale by American owner Randy Lerner last year.

Historic park to get £5m facelift with new pavilion

A £5.5 MILLION revamp of historic West Smethwick Park, including its landmark bandstand, boathouse and drinking fountain, has been unveiled.

Sandwell Council has revealed long-awaited restoration plans for the park which dates back to 1895. A memorial to world-famous glass manufacturer Sir James Chance, which stands at the entrance, will also be spruced up.

by Heather Large

The airmen's memorial – dedicated to two RAF pilots who died when their plane crashed in the park 70 years ago – will also be revamped.

A new community pavilion would be provided at the park, off Holly Lane, and the parkland would be restored to how it was when the site was founded under the proposals.

The council is keen to restore the park's 'historic features' which also include the bandstand, boathouse and drinking fountain.

Exciting

Sandwell Council's deputy leader Steve Eling described the scheme as 'exciting' and said he was keen for work to start as soon as funding was in place. The council will be lodging a bid for £385,350 from the Heritage Lottery Fund to kick-start the work before submitting an second application for a total of £4.8m.

The rest of the cash will come from council funds and bosses also hope to recruit volunteers to help with some of the work. It's hoped the first phase of work could begin in July when detailed plans for the restoration will be drawn up.

The proposals will be discussed by members of the council's cabinet at a meeting tomorrow when they are expected to approve the first round funding application.

Assistant chief executive Melanie Dudley said: "Parks and countryside services are seeking approval to submit a first round application for £385,350 to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a Parks for People Grant.

"The funding will be used to carry out development work required to support a further application to Heritage Lottery Fund to complete the restoration of the historic features in West Smethwick Park."

Councillor Eling said: "We are very proud of our parks in Sandwell. We have 12 Green Flag parks – which is the national mark of quality for parks."

Prayer hall thrown out

A PLAN to create a prayer hall and community centre in the Black Country has been refused by councillors over a lack of parking spaces. The centre would have opened in Halesowen Road, Old Hill, for the Muslim community. But concerns were raised by councillors when it was revealed up to 100 people would be expected to attend on Friday afternoons. The plans for the former Sunday school only included 30 parking spaces.

Students get set for business Pitch

Mentors gathering at last year's event, where they guided the students through their challenges

THE search is on for the next generation of business leaders and entrepreneurs to show off their skills in a new competition.

Organisers of The Pitch want 13 to 16-year-olds from across the West Midlands to take part in the two-day event. They are appealing for more schools in the Black Country to come forward.

Working in groups of five, participants will have 24 hours to come up with their solution to a challenge that has been set for them. They then have to pitch this plan to judges at an exhibition the next day.

To help the students prepare for the challenge, workshops will be held on leadership and team building skills, marketing and how to create the perfect pitch, and creative thinking, and idea generation. In total there are expected to be 150 young people from 30 schools and colleges taking part.

The event takes place on March 19 and 20 at the University of Wolverhampton University's Telford campus, with the teenagers staying over in halls of residence.

It is free to enter, and includes all refreshments and food for the two days, a gala dinner in the evening and quiz or film for the students, an overnight stay for all students and teachers, as well as all the materials required to take part.

An overall winner of The Pitch will be decided and invited to the university's Business Awards later in the year. Visit www.wlv.ac.uk to book a place.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Primary school expansion plan

A BLACK Country primary school has revealed expansion plans which will allow it to take on an extra 80 pupils.

Six new classrooms will be built at Holy Trinity Primary School in West Bromwich. Four new jobs will also be created after the plans got the go-ahead by Sandwell Council.

The new classroom block will be built to the north of the site in Trinity Road South. The number of pupils attending the school is expected to increase from 396 to 479 once the development is complete.

Sun and slopes boost for flights

MIDLANDERS heading for winter sun and the ski slopes have powered Birmingham Airport to the busiest January in its history.

More than 600,000 passengers passed through the terminal last month, an 11.1 per cent increase on January last year.

The most popular destinations were those offering sunshine in Egypt, Tunisia, Jamaica and Portugal along with the airports closest to ski-ing resort in the Alps.

Sewer collapse road is shut off

A SEWER collapsed in a residential street, at around mid-morning on Friday, forcing the council to close the road.

The incident at Roslyn Close, Smethwick, initially sparked fears that the council would have to close the road for the entire week, although this was later revised.

Severn Trent Water said they were able to repair the collapse within the day.

Down and T'Pau-t as Decker falls ill

CHINA In Your Hand hitmakers T'Pau had to cancel their concert at Bilston's Robin 2 on Saturday after lead singer Carol Decker was taken ill.

The show will be rescheduled for a future date and ticket holders can call the box office on 01902 401211. Tickets can be kept for the rescheduled date or refunded.

Display explained

ARTIST Darren Banks will explain the story behind his exhibition based on DJ Churton Fairman this weekend. He talks about his 'The Raven' display at the New Art Gallery, Walsall at 2pm on Saturday.

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YOU sow the wind, you reap the whirlwind. The fires that consumed a Jordanian pilot are as nothing compared to the inferno of white-hot bomb blasts that Jordan is now unleashing against Islamic State. Whoever coined the phrase "revenge is a dish best enjoyed cold" had never piloted an F-16.

WE all have our individual stagger-threshold, the point at which we are staggered by things. Martin Wheatley, chief executive of the Financial Conduct Authority, seems to have a very low one. He told the Commons Treasury Select Committee: "I think it's quite clear that the number of scandals that we've seen in financial services, particularly in banks, has been staggering." Mr Wheatley is staggered only because he seems to believe that bankers are fine upstanding people who enter the moneylending profession in order to spread happiness and prosperity among their fellow men. If, on the other hand, you believe a significant number of bankers are a shower of shysters whose only interest is getting as rich as possible as fast as possible, you will not be quite so staggered. When the Crown Prosecution Service pursues crooked bankers as eagerly as it chases benefits cheats, things may change. Not before.

TERMS for our time. A self-build project in London invites would-be home owners to put in 500 hours of manual labour as part of their deposit on the property. It is called sweat equity.

THEY still don't get it, do they? Rachel Reeves, Labour 's shadow work and pensions secretary, was banging on about the benefits of a full month's paternity leave. She declared: "Good employers like Asda, National Grid and Citibank are already giving more than the statutory paternity leave." She referred repeatedly to "good employers." After a while you twigged that when Ms Reeves says "good employers" what she actually means is "big employers." Reeves worked as an economist at the Bank of England which may make her an expert on big business but she clearly hasn't a clue about the nightmarish pressures facing small firms. Ninety-six per cent of all businesses in Britain employ fewer than 10 people and if they despair at trying to juggle the shifts to accommodate yet more statutory leave, it's because they're small, not bad.

YOU read it here first. In December this column carried words of warning from a reader worried about the new generation of smart TVs with voice recognition and an internal microphone. The technology allows the seriously idle to change channel simply by bellowing "Sky" at the telly. My reader asked: "If the microphone is active, what else might be transmitted from one's living room or even bedroom?" Good question. The answer came this week when it emerged that Samsung's privacy policy includes this advice for buyers using the voice-command software: "If your spoken words include personal or other sensitive information, that information will be among the data captured and transmitted to a third party." It may be 31 years late but doesn't it sound just like Nineteen Eighty-Four?

THE Baftas, the Golden Globes and the Academy Awards are three occasions when time stands still. Women stars who demand to be known as actors at all other times (on the grounds that the term actress is outdated, sexist and demeaning) dream of slipping into their most revealing frocks and being acclaimed as best actress, best supporting actress, best actress in a TV drama, etc, etc. Hypocrisy, thy name is Oscar Globes-Bafta.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Parcel depot overhaul may see jobs go

UP to 28 jobs could be at risk during a reorganisation of the homeworking and coaching departments at delivery company DPD's huge parcel depot, which is based at Smethwick.

But the company, which has created 2,000 new jobs nationwide over the last two years as it expands, says it is hoping to offer alternative jobs to those who may be affected.

DPD says it has invested £4 million in a centralised customer services department, upgrading systems and automating some processes which has in turn reduced its reliance on manually-created reports.

A spokesman said: "This, combined with significant changes in the way we interact with customers in recent years, has resulted in the potential loss of 28 jobs across the homeworker and coaching teams. "A consultation process is now underway and will continue until March 11.

"Our aim is to redeploy the individuals concerned wherever possible and we are confident that we will be able to offer alternative positions to most, if not all of those affected."

DPD has grown to employ 9,000 in the UK, with more than 2,500 of them at its sites in Smethwick and Oldbury, and says it expects to continue adding jobs as it invests in the business.

It recently completed a new £100m sorting hub at Hinckley in Leicestershire and is launching its own parcel shop network in June, baseed in Stoke-on-Trent, to be called DPD PickUp.

Backing for Aldi store scheme at wasteland

PLANS for a new supermarket creating 40 jobs have been welcomed. Aldi will open a new store in Wolverhampton Road, Oldbury, close to the M5.

Bosses hope it will open in the autumn and will be recruiting nearer the time. Langley councillor Bill Gavan said it would bring a disused piece of wasteland back to life and create employment opportunities.

He also likes the idea of a cheaper supermarket for hard-up residents. He said: "I think it is necessary for the area to have a cheaper supermarket, especially that type of shopping.

"People don't seem to do all their shopping at once and it helps to drive down the prices in store. These shops are very competitive and I think that local residents, including myself, will be happy to use Aldis and Lidls."

Planning officers gave delegated approval for the plans for the new store, which were submitted in October following an extensive consultation with the local community, to which more than 90 per cent of respondents supported the principle of the new store on the vacant area of land next to the Ramada Hotel.

Following submission of the application, 71 individual letters of support were registered with the council.

Sam Wilson, a spokesman for Aldi, said: "We are delighted that Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council chose to approve our plans for the new store on Wolverhampton Road. We are very excited about bringing our range of award-winning products to the community in Oldbury and are hoping to get started on site as soon as possible.

by Dominic Bareham

"The next stage in the process is for initial works to begin on site and, if all goes ahead as planned, we are hoping to open the store in the autumn of 2015. New employment opportunities will be advertised closer to the time, both locally and also via our recruitment website, www.aldirecruitment.co.uk.

"We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the residents who took the time to write to the council. We will ensure the community is kept up to date, but should residents have any questions in the meantime they should call the freephone information line on 0800 2987040."

Flagging up for final

A TEAM of aspiring entrepreneurs from the Black Country have reached the final of a national competition at Buckingham Palace. The 10 sixth formers at Ormiston Forge Academy in Cradley Heath set up Backstage Bunting, a company that designs, produces and sells a fashionable range of decorative flags.

They have been invited to a special ceremony at Buckingham Palace in March. Principal Andrew Burns said: "I'm absolutely delighted that our students have been recognised for the hard work and determination they showed with the Tycoon in Schools project."

Neighbours tell of fire shock

The view of the house which was where the fatal blaze took place in Oakdale Road, Oldbury

THIS is the scene of a fatal house fire in the Black Country that claimed the life of a pensioner. Neighbours spoke of their shock after the man, believed to be in his 70s, was discovered on Sunday morning.

He was confirmed dead at the scene in Oakdale Road, Oldbury, by paramedics.

Residents in the street said the man, named locally as John Letts, lived by himself and had been there more than 50 years.

The fire service, police and West Midlands Ambulance Service were called at just before 10am and the semi-detached property was cordoned off through the day for investigations to be carried out.

A neighbour walking his dog is believed to have seen smoke coming from the property and emergency services were called. Other neighbours rushed to the property but were advised not to try and go inside.

West Midlands Fire Service said an elderly man was found deceased following a severe fire in the ground-floor lounge, with the cause still under investigation.

Second outlet for discount retailers

POUNDLAND will create 15 jobs in West Bromwich when it opens a new store in the town.

It will be the second Poundland store to open in the Queens Square Shopping Centre.

The decision to open a second shop in the precinct was made due to the popularity of the existing discount store.

The new store was officially opened on Wednesday.

Poundland's trading director, Richard Lancaster, said: "We are delighted to be opening a second store in West Bromwich, creating 15 new jobs for the area.

"The existing store has been very popular with local shoppers and we are confident the second store will be just as successful.

"We look forward to opening our doors," he said.

Poundland has over 575 stores nationwide.

The Queens Square Shopping Centre cost £200 million and opened in July 2013.

The new store will join other major chains such as Boots, Game, Thorntons and EE.

Spotlight on franchising

THE National Franchise Exhibition returns to the National Exhibition Centre tomorrow and Saturday and will showcase the range of UK franchise business opportunities available.

More than 500,000 work in franchising across the UK and industry annual turnover amounts to £13.7 billion.

The exhibition will feature sectors including food and drink, property, retail, care, fitness and cleaning. There will be seminars with franchise professionals.

Visitors can get free entry by registering online at www.franchisetickets.co.uk and entering the promotional code EXA1 (saving £10).

Expansion bid

A FIRM in Walsall is looking to extend its base to create extra office space.

Intercoat Paints, which dates back more than 35 years, wants to carry out a first floor extension at its Bridgeman Street premises. An application has been lodged with Walsall Council.

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Scheme to support jobless launched

A SCHEME to help support hundreds of jobless young people in Sandwell has been officially launched.

BCTG is the only company in the borough to work with the recently-launched Talent Match programme targeting out-of-work 19-to 24-year-olds.

Five jobs have been created to manage the programme in Sandwell aimed at young people who are furthest from the jobs market to secure or take up enterprising job opportunities.

The Sandwell scheme and its new base has been launched at The Hub, in High Street, West Bromwich.

Talent Match, a national programme, aims to boost opportunities for young people in these areas by bringing together partnerships of employers, education providers and others, led by local charities.

Chris Luty, BCTG director, said: "Talent Match is a five-year programme funded by the Big Lottery which focuses on youth unemployment.

"We have been selected to run the Sandwell Talent Match scheme."

BCTG secured a slice of more than £10million of Big Lottery Funding to deliver the programme.

New cardiac scanning unit

A DOCTOR has become the first patient to benefit from a new cardiac MRI scanning service.

Nisha Pathak, from West Bromwich, was the first person to make use of the service, launched by Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust (SWBH) this week for local cardiac patients.

It will mean many more patients will not have to travel to other areas for scans. The facility should also see waiting times for cardiac scans come down over time in the West Midlands.

Society meeting

SILVER foliage plants will be the subject for the next meeting of Streetly Horticultural Society.

Gordon Malt will be guest speaker at the event at Streetly Community Centre, Foley Road East, on March 3 from 7.45pm. For more details call 0121 353 1437.

Tributes after death of charity stalwart

Iris Reynolds – kind-hearted charity volunteer

TRIBUTES have been paid to a tireless charity worker from West Bromwich who died at the age of 78.

Iris Reynolds, of Reform Street, was born on January 11, 1936 and grew up in Lower Trinity Street. She attended Greets Green Primary School and George Salter School.

The daughter of a publican, she became well-known for her work in the church and the community. Iris was a member of the local branch of Soroptimist International and was also a Girl Guide captain at Beeches Road during her formative years.

Having been a member of Moorlands Church for many years, she joined Wesley Methodist Church and took over the Ladies Circle, helping to boost membership from just a handful of ladies to more than 40.

She also became a key figure in the Methodist Homes for the Aged group and was a prolific fundraiser.

Thanks to her efforts Wesley Methodist Church was able to install a disabled toilet and improve its community facilities. In 1976 she became a magistrate, a role she held until 2003.

Iris worked at Dolcis shoe shop, starting out at the Corporation Street branch, before moving on to Erdington and finally West Bromwich, where she became the store's first female manager in 1971.

She retired in 1988, having spent 37 years with the firm.

She never married or had children.

Her friend, Beryl Price, aged 73, from Carter's Green, West Bromwich, said: "She was a very caring and hardworking lady.

"She did so much good work that no one really knew about. She will be greatly missed by so many people," she said.

Her funeral was held at Wesley Methodist Church on January 13.

Campaigners fail to stop Red House development

CAMPAIGNERS have failed to block development plans for the Red House in Great Barr. The historic building will be converted into flats with six homes built next to it.

Councillors approved the application for the Grade II listed building in Red House Park despite nearly 200 objections. Protesters said they were 'disgusted' with the decision.

They felt the area should have been kept as parkland and say there is not enough parking spaces to support 14 dwellings.

A petition containing more than 100 signatures was handed to Sandwell Council's planning committee ahead of its decision.

West Bromwich East MP Tom Watson also called for the application to be refused. But councillors insisted the plans presented a viable future for the landmark former care home.

Parkland

Developer R8 Space Ltd will fund its renovation as part of its conversion.

Bill Gunn, aged 83, chairman of the Friends of Red House Farm group, said: "I am absolutely disgusted.

"If they want to put something at the side of it, they should put something there the public can enjoy.

"I am pleased the building will be looked after but I would rather it be used a community centre."

Group vice-chairman David Fisher, 38, said: "We're all disappointed.

"We understand something needs to be done to the Red House, but it's the fact they are building on green belt land we are unhappy about."

Councillor Roger Horton said the application was in the park's best interests.

New book of poetry is released

A BLACK Country author has released a new book of poetry called Patriotism.

Patricia Bamurangirwa, who is based in Smethwick but previously lived in four different African countries, often as a refugee, has touched on a number of subjects for her latest works, which is for all ages, nationalities and walks of life.

A spokesman said: "The words in Patricia's poetry will show readers that it is possible to achieve your dreams, encouraging and teaching them to have hope for tomorrow.

"Inspirational in nature, the poems contain a message that life doesn't mind if you are rich or poor, that we are all the same and that sometimes people can be happy or sad in the same ways."

Patriotism is written in English and translated into Kinyarwandan.

It is set for publication on February 28, available at £7.99 in paperback and £3.99 as an Ebook, available through Troubador Publishing. Visit www.troubador.co.uk

Musician's on song for Wembley visit

Gordon Lees, aka Just Bev who has written and recorded a song for Walsall's trip to Wembley

HE might be a Baggies fan but musician Gordon Lees is backing Walsall all the way to Wembley after penning a new song in the club's honour.

Saddlers fans have already snapped up thousands of tickets for the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final against Bristol City on March 22.

And Mr Lees, known by his stage name Just Bev, is joining in the celebrations after being approached by Walsall fans to write a song for the occasion. The new song, called Deano's Black Country Heroes has already been played on the radio and he has put it on an album, Walsall at Wembley 2015, which is being sold at the Saddlers Club.

It contains 11 other songs he has recorded over the years.

The father-of-one, of Daisy Meadow, Tipton, was formerly a guitarist for local rock-and-roll cover band, The Wazzocks, and now performs solo in pubs and clubs across the Black Country. The 61-year-old recorded the new song at a recording studio in his home and is selling the albums for £2, with 50p from every sale going to Walsall Society for the Blind.

He said: "I'm an Albion fan but I have a lot of Walsall friends and I am delighted they got through.

"A couple of Walsall fans asked me to do the song. Most of the lyrics came to me in the space of a few hours and I completed the track in a week.

"I'm really pleased with it. They are already playing it on the radio."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Poll says library a waste of money

ALMOST 80 per cent of people answering an online poll believe the flagship Library of Birmingham was a waste of money.

In the poll carried out by The Chronicle's sister publication The Express & Star, only 21 per cent of people thought it was a worthwhile investment.

It comes after it was announced that opening hours will be cut and staff numbers halved at the £189 million library as part of cutbacks — less than two years after it opened.

At least 90 people are expected to lose their jobs from a workforce of 188.

Two-storey block plans in

A NEW two-storey apartment block will be built on land in Bloxwich under fresh plans.

A total of 16 supported living flats are being planned in Buxton Road. The site was previously occupied by Wiggin House which had 27 flats for elderly people. It was demolished around six years ago and plans for the land have been put forward by HB Villages Development Ltd.

It will be considered by the planning committee in the coming months.

Homes plan near Metro line backed

COUNCILLORS have approved a plan to build nine homes next to the Midland Metro line in West Bromwich.

The development, which consists of four houses and five bungalows, will be built off Tunnel Road, about a mile from Black Lake station.

Sandwell Council's planning committee agreed Alba Buildings' plan was suitable for the area.

Youths causing a problem near pub

YOUTHS hanging outside a pub in Smethwick are causing a nuisance to people living nearby.

Residents have complained to police about the anti-social behaviour behind the Puffing Billy pub in Raglan Road.

The pub licensee has agreed to a number of measures to reduce the problem.

Stroll in country

A WALKING group from Walsall are taking a seven mile country stroll this weekend. The town's Ramblers are at Enville on Sunday. For details call 01543 372204 or visit www.wallsallramblers.co.uk website.

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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews

AFTER 60 years gathering metaphorical dust, the sequel to Harper Lee's To Kill a Mockingbird will finally reach our bookshelves this summer.

No doubt English teachers across the country will be salivating with excitement, but I don't think I will be queuing to grab the first copy.

Actually, To Kill a Mockingbird, a tale of injustice and prejudice in 1930s Alabama, taught me all I know about English literature, although probably not in the way that my teachers intended.

One can only assume that those who drew up the English literature syllabus at the time thought that including a 20th century novel from across the Atlantic probably made them seem a bit trendy and edgy.

You know, 'never mind all that stuffy old Dickens, we're down with the kids and tackling real-life social issues, daddy oh!' Or words to that effect.

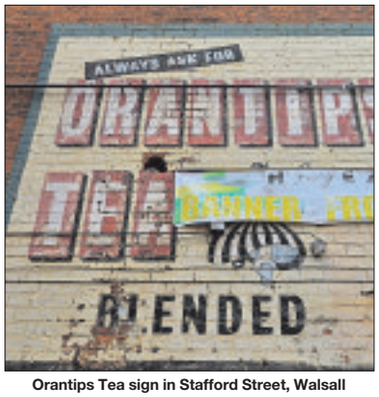
Anyway, having read the book from cover to cover, we were tasked with writing a review, outlining our thoughts on the work. And truculent teenager that I was, I said I didn't like it. Something along the lines that it lacked nuance, and seemed to be more about pushing a personal, idealogical message with the subtlety of a sledgehammer, rather than about entertaining the reader. In other words, it was a bit like EastEnders.

Oh, my teacher's reaction, I can still remember it now. The exasperation coupled with disbelief. How could I, a teenage boy, take it upon myself to criticise one of the great authors of our time? Perhaps looking back, almost three decades later, he probably had a bit of a point. But I was 15, and not given to considered opinion.

Anyway, diligent so-and-so that I was, I did as instructed, and re-wrote the review stating precisely what I was supposed to say, something about the 'mockingbird motif', whatever that was, and how beautifully drawn the characters were. "It is undoubtedly an excellent novel," was my conclusion if I remember rightly.

And it did the trick, top marks. So when it came to the next book on the syllabus, which was an even more worthy – in other words, dull – tome about apartheid in South Africa, I knew exactly what to do. I read about a third of the book: something about 'all roads lead to Johannesburg' was all I remember, which is pretty much the sort of information you can get from a road atlas. And having managed 80 or so pages, I then wrote an essay about what an excellent piece of work it was, trotting out all the establishment lines I had been directed to by my teachers. Bingo! Top marks again.

It proved to be a winning formula, which could be adapted for anything from Ted Hughes to Shakespeare. Don't have an opinion, just trot out what the academics want to hear.



Orantips Tea sign in Stafford Street, Walsall

A Harper's Ale sign in Goodall Street, Bilston

An old E&S advert in Ridding Lane, Wednesbury

Signs serve as a window into past

The businesses may have long gone but they have left behind their mark, as ADAM BURLING explains

THEY hark back to a bygone era – the cheery signs, hand-painted on brickwork, extolling the virtues of everything from boots to beer.

Many advertise businesses that have long since closed down, with some of these so-called ghost signs dating back to Victorian and Edwardian times.

Some are protected and will remain for generations to come. Others have been left to fade away on gables of home and corner shops. For many passers-by these signs are just part of the landscapes – with little thought given to their significance or historical links – for others a fascinating window into the past.

Clues

Staffordshire and the Black Country are home to scores of these signs – with many featuring in a new online national archive of more than 1,000 images – set up as people delve for clues as to their origins.

One of the most noticeable in the Black Country is an advertisement for Hanson's Mild Ale on a bridge over Birmingham New Road in Dudley. Passed by thousands of drivers each day, it is in a prime location that would cost firms a small fortune to rent out nowadays.

And it even has the slogan 'A strong link with the past' penned above - a phrase which has taken on a different meaning since the firm closed in 1991, despite producing one of the Black Country's most famous milds for more than 100 years.

Overlooking Wolverhampton's ring road is a well-preserved smart black and white sign for shoemakers James Baker & Sons Ltd, on the side of the firm's old factory in Cleveland Road. The empty building is now up for let but is Grade II listed, meaning it is classed as being of 'national importance'.

Also in the city the old W Evans ironmongers sign in School Street, Wolverhampton is still preserved in brickwork, despite the shop itself being long gone.

Mystery surrounds the origins of the Ale & Porter Stores sign above a disused unit in Upper Villiers Street, Wolverhampton. Residents believe that was the original name of the corner shop, but online forums have failed to find out any more.

Sometimes the signs do not always fit in with the business that has subsequently taken over the shop - such as The Tool Market in Great Bridge High Street that sits below an advert for Twinings Tea featuring the Little Miss Barber character.

A little girl wearing a frilly, striped dress, Little Miss Barber was also seen on adverts for Orantips Tea – including one in Stafford Street, Walsall on the side of the 'HiRez' design and print shop. The historical importance of the sign was used in an application to add the building to the 'list of local architectural and historic interest' in Walsall in 2005/6, although it has since been partially covered by a modern advertising board.

Little Miss Barber also appears on painted advertisements for Barber's and Twining teas in Crankhall Lane, Wednesbury and Shaftmoor Lane, Birmingham.

Elsewhere in Walsall, a Harper's Bilston Noted Ales & Stout advertisement can be seen over the Hole in the Wall fabric store in Goodall Street. It was for RA Harper's Hill Park Brewery of Bilston, which was acquired by Eley's Brewery of Stafford in 1924 and closed in 1928 when Eley's was taken over by Butler's of Wolverhampton.

Nip-a-Kofs, black cough sweets were a popular item of stock at grocery shop H Hopley's – which was opened in 1947 in Wolverhampton Road, Cannock by Hubert Hopley.

Secret

Made to a secret recipe they were a must have for Black Country workers as it offered a solution to the throat irritation from the dust in the pits.

Hangers enamel paint is another long-defunct brand that can still be seen in Walsall Road, West Bromwich. The advert urges people to buy it from Hopkins, which, it is believed, was once a hardware store in the area.

The Express & Star has an advert above the old Television and Video Centre in Ridding Lane, Wednesbury. Promoting the Wednesbury & District edition, it has become a well-known sight.

Sam, an advertising worker, became fascinated with the historic logos he saw above old buildings, so started a blog and within weeks he was inundated by people who had seen similar signs on their streets.

The Hanson's Mild Ale bridge over the Birmingham New Road, near Dudley

A sign for cough sweets Nip-A-Kofs in Wolverhampton Road, Cannock

WEEK IN POLITICS

with Daniel Wainwright

FOR a few months at least it'll feel like the world revolves around us. If you haven't worked it out by now, then in the words of Ron Burgundy, you're 'kind of a big deal'.

The reason? You live in the West Midlands. And that means there's a very good chance you're either in a 'key' marginal seat or very close to one.

All the good news being unveiled by the coalition is targeted towards places like this. The Tories are desperate for you to hear that their 'long term economic plan' is working.

Labour, meanwhile, wants to tell you that the growth we've been experiencing is benefiting only the few and that too many of the new jobs are rather miserable, zero hours ones.

For the Conservatives, now is the time to be pulling rabbits from hats. Education secretary Nicky Morgan started her week in Walsall, touring Rivers Primary Academy, one of the schools across the country in line for a complete rebuild.

The visit was official government business and the local Labour MP David Winnick was informed. He was also told there would be no political candidate there. It turned out, however, that his Conservative opponent, the keen Douglas Hansen Luke, was there and sat with Mrs Morgan during her Press interviews.

Mr Winnick was so annoyed he tabled questions in Parliament only to be told that government officials would not 'be expected to be involved in arrangements with Prospective Parliamentary Candidates'.

There's certainly nothing to suggest anyone did anything they should not have done.

But incumbency has its advantages. In 2010 Gordon Brown launched the Labour manifesto from the then brand spanking new Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham.

He was asked if he was doing anything wrong using an NHS facility for a political launch, only to point out that at that stage the building was still held by a construction firm and had yet to be passed on to the NHS.

There are some positive things that come out at times like this as well. George Osborne, for example, wants to put £5.2 billion into the transport network in the Midlands – widening motorways, electrifying rail lines and more.

He wants to tackle the deficit we have in productivity – we have 16 per cent of the population but only 13 per cent of the economic output.

And there will be new powers on skills devolved from Westminster to local authorities, potentially to the looming combined authority for the Black Country and Birmingham. It is dangled before us as an incentive to stick with the Conservatives.

All most can do is hope the wafer thin majorities of some of the seats in the Black Country result in promises that will be kept whoever wins the election.

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Problems on all public transport

AS a regular Midland Metro user I find myself wondering why there are constant stories about this.

While I can appreciate the frustration with Wolverhampton St George's I cannot see what is wrong with giving leaflets and pedometers out. I have not received one but would have no objection if I did.

The issue of overcrowding seems to come up quite regularly. I have used the service for years and, at commuter times, I have never known it to be anything but 'standing room only'. If it is popular and lots of people want to use it then that must be a good thing. I am sure it would be wonderful if a tram could run every couple of minutes rather than every 6-8 but I doubt there would be the money for the fleet or the staff.

Public transport is always crowded at commuter times. Trains are also becoming more crowded as more people are using them.

Of course there are problems from time to time but this happens whichever mode of transport anyone uses.

M L ROEBUCK, West Bromwich

Everything is blamed on Labour

I'M writing in response to a letter last week. The author was trying to blame the Labour Party for everything that's gone wrong in this country.

Let's get this right. Did Labour close down services for kids and the disabled, cuts to the police and nurses? That's why there are problems with the NHS. There are more people living on the streets, because the Tories brought in bedroom tax.

Never did I think in this country that people would have to go to food banks. We are going back to the dark ages.

The Tories say there are more jobs now. For every place that opens with jobs, three close down. There are no jobs in my area, so where are they all? We don't all live in London.

The Tories started all of this. Thatcher closed down mines, took milk from school kids, she didn't stop factories from closing down and brought in council tax. But apparently, it's Labour's fault.

P GOODBY, Oldbury

School bullies rear their heads again

GOSH! Here come the school bullies yet again!

How depressing that in the 21st century, so many politicians and commentators still display such fundamental ignorance and bile with regard to schools and education.

I'm sure that practitioners (in whatever category) are sick to death of the constant changes and criticism – far, far worse than that inflicted on any other public provision service.

Rather than focus properly on each child as an individual, with recognition of the constraints or otherwise of innate intelligence and abilities, family nurture, lifestyle, background, etc, all are seen as programmable units who should be quite capable of reaching whatever levels and benchmarks are demanded.

Tettenhall or Heath Town, Sandwell or Solihull, Walsall or Windsor – all must come up to the mark – or else!

More to the point, 'coasting schools' (?) and 'the war on mediocrity' are just two more election time sound bites for the ragbag alongside other well know and ultimately worthless mantras.

Let us demand and ensure instead, that all our politicians firmly and consistently pass the benchmarks of understanding reality, actually responding to and answering directly questions asked of them, and all serve their country with full integrity and honour – now that would be something!

P THOMAS, Oldbury

MP should show guts over claims

I FIND it unbelievable that a serving MP, West Bromwich East's Tom Watson, can openly make a statement concerning the abuse of children by other MPs and high ranking officials, and then decline to name the alleged perpetrators.

Why, if he has proof that certain individuals have and are using their positions to hide from prosecution?

Come on Mr Watson. As an MP you should be setting an example to everyone who has any information on these or any other abuser.

Stand up, be a man, make the voters of Sandwell proud to have an MP with guts, and not just a yes man for the establishment.

K V JOYCE
Wednesbury

Bring back Hippodrome

FURTHER to J Perkins' letter in Express & Star (February 2), 'Hippodrome is a perfect stage',.

I entirely agree with him/her. I have written before in support of this once famous venue that so many famous stars have appeared at.

It would bring so many people in to Dudley, as many people are unable to travel in to Birmingham or Wolverhampton to see live shows when you get older like myself (I am 79). It's not so convenient getting buses, etc.

So come on Dudley Council, give us our Hippodrome back, it would give so much pleasure to so many people like myself.

A WILLIAMS
Tipton

NEWS IN BRIEF

MP backs CCTV call over animals

AN MP has backed calls for the Government to introduce laws stating CCTV should be installed in slaughterhouses.

Animal rights group Animal Aid is leading the campaign in favour of cameras after carrying out an undercover investigation inside UK slaughterhouses.

The pressure group recently obtained footage of animals being beaten and burned with cigarettes, as well as other animals being improperly stunned and treated badly.

West Bromwich East MP Tom Watson said: "I believe the introduction of compulsory CCTV in UK slaughterhouses will increase animal protection and allow those caught on film breaking the law to be prosecuted."

New Fiddle all set to open in Brum

THE final preparations are taking place for the Fiddle and Bone pub opening up for business on March 1, in Birmingham.

Situated beside the Main Line Canal, and next door to the Barclaycard Arena, true to the venue's previous musical heritage, the pub will provide four bars featuring local musicians to entertain the punters.

Based at Sheepcote Street, the new venture is provided by Sherborne Wharf Ltd in partnership with the Canal and River Trust.

On the opening day there will be beer delivered by canal as well as a coal delivery.

Jilted lover who sent image found guilty of harassment

A JILTED man who got dumped by his former lover was found guilty of harassment after he sent a pornographic image of the woman – to her own daughter.

Jason Cotterill, aged 42, even emailed the woman a link to a sex video she was in and threatened to post it on her Facebook page.

A court heard the 42-year-old woman was 'driven insane' after Cotterill spent a year bombarding her with 'disgusting' messages from his 67 different Facebook profiles.

Cotterill, of Oldbury, was found guilty of harassment without violence after a trial at Birmingham Magistrates Court on Friday.

District Judge David Robinson said: "The defendant has either been framed or he did it. I found the complainant to be a credible and reliable witness. I find it entirely implausible that she stitched the defendant up."

The court heard Cotterill and the victim were in contact through Facebook in 2013. They met up for three dates between January and September 2013 but had sex on just one occasion.

Shortly afterwards the woman ended the relationship but Cotterill refused to accept her decision. During the trial the woman said having sex with Cotterill had been a 'mistake'.

She said: "I blocked him on Facebook. I unfriended him on Facebook.

"He started setting up different profiles on Facebook to send me messages. He also sent my family messages and my friends' messages because he couldn't get to me. I was very upset, it drove me insane, it made me depressed. I'm on medication. His language was absolutely disgusting. He was asking me why I wasn't playing any more, calling me names."

In October 2014, in reference to the complainant's explicit video, Cotterill emailed her saying he would use it as his 'profile picture'.

He also taunted the victim on Facebook, the court heard. Giving evidence, Cotterill admitted sending the woman the video, but claimed it was because he wanted to 'warn her' it was on the internet. Cotterill was bailed and ordered to return to court for sentencing on March 6.

By David Banner

Ward opens to help patients' trip home

Matron Justine Irish and Samad Uddin, in the new ward at Rowley Regis Hospital

A NEW hospital ward will free up acute beds by temporarily housing patients declared medically-fit but who cannot be sent home straight away.

It has opened at Rowley Regis Hospital and is a joint initiative between Sandwell Council and Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust.

Officials said the 20-bed ward was designed for patients medically-fit for discharge but unable to immediately return home because care packages are still being finalised.

Patients awaiting transfer from hospital to care or nursing homes will also use the new ward.

Bosses said it was expected people would only spend around 72 hours in the ward before being discharged.

It will be staffed at all times by one qualified nurse along with workers from care service Sevacare.

Officials said the new ward would free up acute beds at Sandwell General Hospital and Birmingham's City Hospital alongside those in other wards at Rowley Regis Hospital.

Praise for firms and top boss at awards

THE achievements of a businessman and three manufacturers from Sandwell have been celebrated at an awards ceremony.

They were praised at the prestigious regional EEF/Aldermore Future Manufacturing Awards.

Stewart Towe CBE, the Group Managing Director of Hadley Industries Holdings, a Smethwick-based steel products manufacturer, won the Manufacturing Champion Award. The award celebrates the achievements of those have made a significant contribution to UK manufacturing.

ZF Lemforder UK, a Wednesbury-based manufacturer of components and systems for the automotive industry, scooped the Developing People Award for the work being done to build skills, harness talent and develop employees.

Caparo Industries in Oldbury got the Environmental Efficiency Award after doing the most to improve their environmental performance.

And the Outstanding Export award went to Caparo Precision Strip in West Bromwich.

The winners will now go on to find out if they have won national titles at an awards gala dinner in London in April.

Mr Towe said: "This award is testament to my team as much as me."

Couple's lucky escape as car hits conservatory

Homeowner Alan Harvey surveys the damage after a car smashed through his conservatory

A GRANDFATHER says he is lucky to be alive after a car smashed into his conservatory in West Bromwich.

Alan Harvey usually spends his mornings in his conservatory drinking coffee and listening to music – but on this occasion had got up to bring in his wheelie bins.

The silver Honda Civic smashed through a garden wall and into the side of the house in Francis Street, coming within feet of the lounge.

Alan and his wife Iris told how they heard a 'massive bang' as a neighbour's car ploughed through their wall. Much of their conservatory has been reduced to rubble by the crash.

The driver is believed to have fallen ill at the wheel before the accident at 10.50am on February 10. He was not seriously hurt but was taken to hospital to be checked over.

Mr Harvey, aged 71, said: "Very often I sit in the conservatory and listen to music with a coffee in the morning.

"But it was bin day and I had gone out to fetch the bins. I had just finished when it happened.

"Any other day and I might have been in there."

Mrs Harvey, aged 73, was upstairs at the time and said she initially had no idea what had happened. Soon the extent of the damage became clear.

Crews from West Bromwich Fire Station arrived to recover the damaged car and make sure the house was safe.

The damaged conservatory will be assessed by the couple's insurers.

But Mr Harvey said the damage could have been worse. "If it had been further over it could have gone through the lounge," he said.

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Evangelical about what new-generation denture prescriptions can achieve, he says the palette of solutions to deliver a more youthful, engaging smile has never been so great, with traditional, high-quality handmade-on-the-premises prosthetics; suction diaphragm dentures; and implant-retained over-dentures.

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Can dentures ever be glamorous? "Emphatically, yes," adds Steven.

Strident advances in technology, improved materials and revised clinical procedures are all helping "to drive the denture revolution forward and indeed introduce a real sense of natural-looking glamour to what can be accomplished," he says.

Suction solution *is this the answer for you?*

A CUTTING-EDGE development that helps to resolve the stability problems faced by thousands of denture wearers is being offered by the Denture Clinic.

Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS(Eng) GDC108353, who heads the teams at his North Street practice in Dudley, and other clinics across the region, says the invention has the potential to resolve all-too-common denture stability issues.

Prosthetics are held in place by tiny valve-operated suction devices which are built into the prescription. A clever diaphragm principle, triggered by bite pressure on patients' gums, creates a 'sucking' vacuum between the soft-tissue mouth lining and the prosthetic.

Steven, whose clinics attracts patients from as far as Spain, the Isle of Skye and the Isle of Anglesey, says: "In recent times we have seen, what I can describe only as strident clinical steps forward, with implant-retained over-dentures, 'teeth-in-a-day' implant procedures and suction solution dentures, all coming into main-stream dentistry.

"We also have clever injection moulding technology which allows excellent fitting outcomes and our clinical solutions have never been so appealing.

"Implant dentistry as a resolve for stabilisation issues is not suitable for everyone, neither is it all patients' first preference. The Ultra Suction prosthetics system offers a possible alternative clinical solution.

The Ultra Suction system is available for both upper and lower dentures.

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Steven adds: "The device can be mounted on upper or lower teeth and because of its efficiency allows us to consider a reduction in the size of the acrylic 'plate' which can improve speech and taste.

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Welcome start for £5.2m Lightwoods Park work

COUNCILLORS have welcomed the start of a long-awaited £5.2 million restoration of a historic house and park.

Work on Lightwoods House and Park, in Bearwood, is under way after years of planning.

Hoardings have been put up around the grade-II listed house marking the first phase of the scheme. It will take up to a year to complete.

The restoration project will see Lightwoods House, which dates back to 1791, returned to community use.

A tea room will be created and exhibition space provided on the ground floor. On the first floor, there will be rooms for the community, conferences and weddings with the upper floor dedicated to commercial office space.

Fountains

Alongside work on the house, restoration will also be carried out on drinking fountains, the 19th century bandstand and the Shakespeare Garden.

The plant nursery will be turned into a horticultural training centre-Work is being carried out by contractors Fairhurst Ward Abbots.

Deputy Sandwell Council leader Steve Eling said: "In just over four years since we took over the park, we have developed plans together with residents including the Friends group, secured Lottery funding and let a detailed contract to specialist contractors.

"We look forward to working on a high-quality restoration to benefit the community for generations to come."

Funding of £3.6 million has been provided by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Big Lottery Fund under the Parks for People Programme. Sandwell Council has provided £1.6 million towards the project.

Deputy Sandwell Council leader Eling, with, from left, Lightwoods Park

Anti-fraud kits for elderly

A COMPANY providing care for the elderly in Great Barr and West Bromwich is distributing anti-fraud kits.

Home Instead hopes to help older people protect themselves from falling victim to cons.

The kits include information on the most common scams and advice on how people can lower the risk of becoming a victim of a scam.

Ram Singh from Home Instead said: "Unfortunately, it comes as no surprise that elderly people in the area are being targeted. The 'faceless' criminals who use email, telephone and post to lure their victims into parting with their life savings, personal banking information and other assets, often prey in particular on the elderly who they see as easy targets for their crimes."

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Father and daughter team to take flight

Captain Peter Elliott and SFO Laura Elliott, Thomas Cook Airlines' first ever Father-and-Daughter flight

AIRLINE Thomas Cook's first ever father-and-daughter flight crew has taken off from Birmingham Airport, flying holidaymakers to Tenerife.

Captain Peter Elliott, one of the airlines' most senior pilots, and his daughter, Senior First Officer Laura Elliott, who recently returned to the airline, were flying together for first time on board Thomas Cook Airlines' new Airbus A321 aircraft, which is based at Birmingham.

Laura said: "It's pure chance that we've been rostered on the same flight – I've recently come back to Thomas Cook Airlines and with my dad moving over to fly the same type of aircraft as me, we were hoping it would happen one day."

Captain Elliott took command of the aircraft having moved from operating Boeing to Airbus aircraft ahead of Thomas Cook Airlines bringing more A321s to Birmingham in 2015.

SFO Elliott joined Thomas Cook Airlines as a cadet in 2009 and has acquired more than 2,500 hours on Airbus type aircraft.

Safety plea made over road close to school

CALLS have been made for traffic-calming measures near a primary school in West Bromwich amid fears that pupils could get hurt.

There is currently nothing to slow down traffic in Dunkirk Avenue but there are speed humps and a 20mph zone in nearby Whitgreave Street. Both are close to Newtown Primary School.

by Richard Guttridge

Pensioner Ernie Walker, who lives in Dunkirk Avenue, said his street was the closer of the two and called for safety measures as he feared children could get hit.

Mr Walker, 74, who has lived in the street for 34 years and regularly walks granddaughters Evie and Hope, aged six and three, to school, said: "There definitely needs to be humps, cars go too fast.

Humps

"They have got humps in Whitgreave Street but the school is closer to this road.

"Until there is an accident nothing will happen."

Headteacher Karen Godwin said road safety was a concern and would welcome any measures.

She said: "The council and the police have been made aware of our concerns and have sent a PCSO down, but that's not a permanent arrangement.

"It is more around parking than speed because we're on a little cul-de-sac where there isn't ample parking."

Sandwell Council said the school had no bearing on where the speed humps are placed and decisions were based on accident records.

Highways chief Maria Crompton said: "Traffic calming and 20mph zones are used in roads where there is an accident record and traffic speed is the main cause.

"Dunkirk Avenue has only two recorded accidents over the last five years. Neither involved pedestrians."

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Caring Katie offers her help beyond the wards

WITH both youth and dedication, 26-year-old Health Care Assistant (HCA) Katie Bowden delivers excellent care to patients at work.

She also runs her own charity to support dementia patients and their families in her spare time.

Employed by Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust, Katie, from Great Barr, has been working at SWBH for two years but has already made her mark, caring compassionately for patients on ward D43 at City Hospital.

Katie's main responsibility is to safely care for patients and ensure that they have everything that they need. But she also goes beyond her call of duty by organising hand-crafting sessions that encourage patients to try creating greeting cards or making little 'sun catchers'.

Starting her career as an HCA in child care, Katie moved into adult care when she realised this was the field where she would like to develop her career. She explained: "I genuinely care about every single patient that comes through the door, and treat them all with the same care that my own grandmother has. Not only have I found this job rewarding, I have also enjoyed the social aspect, as I have many interesting conversations with patients, who are always willing to share their past and history. I feel like I have learned so much and have grown since working here."

Katie recalled a memorable occasion when she and her colleagues organised the Christmas party for patients and staff. Not only did everyone enjoy the party, they also raised around £150 for the ward. She said: "I truly enjoy working here. The amount of support that I receive from my colleagues is tremendous and I feel so grateful to be working alongside with them."

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This week we highlight:
KATIE BOWDEN
Health care assistant

Whilst working full-time at the Trust, Katie also found the time to establish her charity – the Sunrise Project 2014. The charity aims to provide support to dementia patients and their families and make sure that they are aware of what help is available to them.

The idea of setting up this charity came to Katie when her family were unable to find local help for her grandmother – who had dementia. Katie said it was a hard time for the family, as they were not sure how to cope with dementia. This experience motivated Katie to set up her charity to help dementia patients and their families. The charity, which covers the West Midland region, had excited great interest from the public and is going very well. The aim now is to set up a phone line so that anyone can call to discuss concerns about dementia. The charity also plans a series of coffee mornings for patients and their families to meet and talk about what they are going through or what help that they need.

Katie's plan for the future is to apply for a nursing course and develop her charity to meet the ever increasing interest from dementia patients and their families.

Her own hero is her mother and her grandmother. Katie said: "My mother has always been there for me. My grandmother is my role model. She was a very independent and strong woman, and would do anything to help other people. Even in her eighties she still helped the church to take care of the garden. Although she is now suffering from dementia, and cannot do everything she once did, I still love her wholeheartedly."

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They said it sounded like a 'bomb had gone off' as the 40-year-old man lost control and careered off the road.

A trail of destruction was left behind by the blue Ford Focus that demolished a lamp post and a 20mph sign before going through the wall.

Bricks and debris are scattered across a front garden after the accident, which happened in the early hours yesterday, which demolished part of a 2ft-tall wall.

Midnight

The driver from Wolverhampton failed to stop for officers in Victoria Street, Wednesbury, after running through a red light shortly after midnight.

And as traffic police gave chase, the blue Ford Focus reached speeds of 100mph in a 30mph zone.

The driver eventually lost control on Bilston Road at the junction with Darlaston Road and demolished a lamppost and a wall before coming to rest in a garden.

He was taken to Walsall Manor Hospital with minor injuries and will be questioned on suspicion of driving while under the influence of alcohol and dangerous driving.

The road was closed with diversions down Whitley Street while debris was cleared.

Mother-of-one Donna Crofton, aged 48, said the car only stopped inches away from her semi-detached house.

Her son Rhys, aged 11, was asleep at the time.

"I heard something but I wasn't sure what it was because it was so loud and sounded like a bomb had gone off," she said.

"I looked outside and saw the car was in the garden. It had gone straight through the wall and destroyed it.

"I was in shock, luckily it had managed to stop before the house otherwise we could have been in real trouble."

"Normally we park our car in the garden, luckily we hadn't left it there overnight.

"If it hadn't have ricocheted off the lamppost it would have gone into the kitchen."

Neighbour Stan Page, 78, added: "The wall has been knocked over three times before.

"I was in bed fast asleep and I came out to see bricks all over the garden.

"It's dangerous doing those speeds on the motorway. "

Stan Page looks at his neighbour's wall in Wednesbury, after it was knocked down by a car

Fire crews in rescue drama as blaze hits

A MAN had to be rescued by firefighters from the upstairs bedroom of his home following a blaze downstairs.

Three fire engines were called to the fire at a house in The Oval, Smethwick, shortly before 2am on Sunday.

The man was rescued and taken to hospital suffering from the effects of smoke inhalation.

Following the blaze, charred furniture, including sofas, were left in the garden at the front of the home, while the lounge window was boarded up and there was evidence of smoke damage around the porch.

A neighbour, who did not wish to be named, said the first she knew about the incident was when her daughter came downstairs to tell her she had heard shouting from next door, which had woken her.

She added: "It is just one of those horrible things that happen. All we knew was that he had been taken to hospital.

"I think my daughter heard someone shouting and that woke her up. It is always upsetting when things like this happen, but we hope he gets well soon."

She said the other concern was whether she would have to evacuate her home in case the flames spread, but the fire crews advised her she was safe to stay in her home.

The fire crews stayed on the scene until 9.30am.

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Folk couple who work in harmony

Interview by Danny Farragher

Husband and wife team Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman

THERE are two things which quickly become obvious about folk musicians Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman.

First they are passionate about their music; second they are a duo in every sense, whether playing live, song writing, putting together an album or being parents - they are a team.

Even when talking to them individually, each is repeatedly referring to the other and the roles they take in their shared life and work.

"We work really well together," confirms Lakeman, who is from Devon. "Kathryn is really creative and good at coming up with sparks and ideas, and I am quite good at fleshing them out and bringing them together as a package and giving them a sound.

"We work well as a team in all aspects, not just in the song writing but in the live gigs and all sorts. We've both got different strengths and we play to those individually.

"Kathryn is very good at sparking ideas. For example the song about the 52 hertz whale, (a track from their latest album Tomorrow Will Follow Today) came from a science journal."

Roberts comes across as a voracious reader.

"I never actively set out to look for a subject for songs," admits the former Barnsley lass who lives in Tavistock with husband Sean and their twin seven-year-old daughters Lily and Poppy. "I do read an awful lot and I am very undiscerning. I tend to hoover up everything I can whether it's online, in a library or just with our own books at home. There is always something which triggers an idea; makes me think 'Ooh, I wonder if we could give that a little more depth, could that become a song?' I have never consciously thought, 'Today I will look for an interesting story that we can turn into a song and that will be today's job done', I have never been able to work like that.

"At home I have a big folder of ideas and half-formed stories for songs and I tend to sit down with Sean and say right is there anything which catches your fancy or piques your interest.

Excited

"Then we take it from there.

"We have both got to feel excited and enthused, because if one of us is only half-heartedly into something you don't get a really good response and, you're not really giving it your all. I have so many ideas in this folder that I don't care if Sean says. 'Nah, not that one and turns the page', it's fine, there's another one there and I am quite happy for it to work in that way."

Once that process is started this is where Lakeman's strengths for producing come into play. He has been in the music industry since he was a child. The elder brother of Seth and Sean, he has been an integral part of what many would class as a folk dynasty as well as a highly respected musician in his own right. Sean has produced their latest album, released on February 23, and his experience and passion for what he does means he is in demand in the studio and is respected throughout the industry. Perhaps one of the reasons for this that when it comes to putting tracks together, going through the motions is not on his agenda.

"I am passionate about what I do, and if you are making a record then it's all consuming, so unless you feel that passion about the music, or artist or material then you are not doing yourself or the artist justice.

"I enjoy just bringing out better performances from people, that's what's satisfying, and to be able to take people to places where they didn't think they could go by themselves."

Tomorrow Will Follow Today is released on the Iscream label on February 23.

Roberts and Lakeman are at the Kitchen Garden Cafe, Birmingham on February 22 at 8pm, doors open 7.30pm and tickets are £10.

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Volleyball but with a difference

PEOPLE with disabilities can take part in new sitting volleyball sessions in Oldbury.

The groups at Portway Lifestyle Centre are open to all levels of disabilities and participants can bring a family member or friend to join in with them.

They take place from 2-3pm for six weeks from February 28. No experience is required and all players must be aged 14 or over. Sessions cost £1 per person with carers playing for free.

Sitting volleyball is a combination of volleyball and a German game called sitzbal.

Teams aim to hit a ball over a net and land it within the opposition's court.

For more information call 0121 506 4980 or visit Sandwell Leisure Trust's website www.slt-leisure.co.uk

Bus firm in car park bid

A BUS company has revealed plans to expand the main car park at its headquarters in Oldbury.

Diamond, has applied for permission to make the changes at its depot on the Cross Quays Business Park in Hallbridge Way. The company said it wanted to be able to accommodate more vehicles as the business was expanding.

A decision on the proposals is expected to be made by councillors in the coming weeks.

FOCUS ON OLDBURY

Care firm staff's shock at 'utter devastation' of firm

A CARE firm's Oldbury base is operating as its headquarters following a devastating blaze which gutted its main premises in Wednesfield.

Staff at Charter Care in Linthouse Lane have spoke of their 'utter devastation' after the arson attack. Equipment used by workers and the records of thousands of people being cared for were destroyed as flames tore through the base.

By Lee Watton

Carers gathered at the ruined building, in Linthouse Lane, which was used by 80 members of staff, including carers and administrative workers.

Carer Helen Barrett, 52, of Wolverhampton, who has worked for the company six years, said everyone was still in shock over what had happened. "No-one could believe it when we first heard about the attack," she said. "All of our equipment was in the building along with the records and medical information of the people we care for. We are just thankful no-one was hurt.

"The loss of the building is a real blow. Although the care work takes place in the community having a base is vital for the co-ordination of the service and for the storing of equipment. We will support the managers in whatever way we can. At the moment it is difficult to see where we can go from here."

She said although the building was insured, staff were also planning to hold fundraising events to help get the site rebuilt. "We will do anything we can. Charity events, car boot sales and everything else we can think of. We are utterly devastated by what has happened."

Staff urged anyone with information to contact the authorities at the earliest opportunity. Officials from the company have said services to clients would not be affected.

They will keep a track of the work being done despite computerised schedules being destroyed. Services are now being run from the company's office in Birmingham Street, Oldbury but officials have said the Wednesfield office had been the main base of operations.

From left, Lisa Cook, Helen Barrett, Emma Watton, Rayna Ball, Amy Cook, and Lauren Newey, outside the building

Revamp of parcel firm may see 28 jobs axed

UP to 28 jobs could be at risk in a reorganisation of the homeworking and coaching departments at delivery company DPD's huge parcel depot at Smethwick.

But the company, which also has premises in Oldbury, has created 2,000 new jobs nationwide over the last two years as it expands. It says it is hoping to offer alternative jobs to those affected.

DPD says it has invested £4 million a centralised customer services department, upgrading systems and automating some processes which has reduced its reliance on manually-created reports.

A spokesman said: "This, combined with significant changes in the way we interact with customers, has resulted in the potential loss of 28 jobs across the homeworker and coaching teams. A consultation process is now underway and will continue until March 11.

"Our aim is to redeploy the individuals concerned wherever possible and we are confident that we will be able to offer alternative positions to most."

DPD has grown to employ 9,000 in the UK and says it expects to continue adding jobs. It recently completed a new £100m sorting hub at Hinckley in Leicestershire and is launching its own parcel shop network in June, based in Stoke-on-Trent, to be called DPD PickUp.

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Blind Dave building up support for charity run

WELL-KNOWN fundraiser 'Blind Dave' Heeley has been given a £1,000 charity boost as he starts his final preparations for the hottest race on earth across the Sahara Desert.

The Black Country marathon man received the donation from the West Brom Building Society in aid of his appeal for the Albion Foundation.

Dave plans to become the first blind person to tackle the gruelling 150 mile, six day Marathon Des Sables race across the Sahara in April.

He wants to raise £30,000 for the Albion Foundation, which works with children and young people with disabilities or disadvantages.

It will mark the climax of a tri-challenge the well known Baggies fan will take on in the coming weeks.

On the first leg, Dave will be joined by club legend Brendon Batson, and Great Britain Blind Football Paralympian Darren Harris for a charity cycle ride.

They will ride 152 miles over three days from Southampton's St Mary's Stadium to The Hawthorns in time for the side's Premier League clash on February 28.

Then the baton is handed over to the blind football team who will walk to every school in Sandwell.

Finally, Mr Heeley will then take the baton to the Sahara from April 3 to 13 in an attempt to become the first blind person to complete the equivalent of five-and-a-half marathons. He will be accompanied by friends Tony Ellis and Rosemary Rhodes.

From left, Carly Louise Millard, 'Blind Dave' Heeley, Leah Robinson and Lorraine Standring

Fundraising night for Mayor's charity

TALENTED musicians, dancers, a comedian and a magician will take to the stage during a mayor's charity fundraiser. Wednesbury Town Hall will be hosting the extravaganza for the Mayor's Big Night Out.

Tickets are already on sale for the night on March 28 from 6pm to 10pm at the venue in Holyhead Road.

Money raised from the event will be donated to the Mayor of Sandwell, Councillor Derek Rowley's charity, Sandwell Women's Aid. Acts include headliner Jasun Watkins, a Boy George comedy impersonator, as well as Deckchair Circus performing Beatles and Stone Roses covers, the Brandhall Choir, magician Gary Hadley and Tegan singing songs by Adele.

Tickets are £6 – call 0121 569 3076 or 0121 556 4914 to book. Councillor Rowley said: "It's the 7th year of the Mayor's annual show and this year's promises to be another fantastic spectacle. Sandwell Women's Aid supports thousands of women, men and children a year. They do such a good job for people facing domestic abuse and other problems."

Alloys firm Rimstock to bring in more jobs

A MANUFACTURING firm is promising a jobs boom in West Bromwich over the next four years thanks to a Government grant.

Rimstock, the UK's only alloy wheel manufacturer, aims to create 150 jobs at its Church Lane factory. The firm is not revealing how much cash it has secured under the Regional Growth Fund – recently announced by Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg.

by Simon Penfold

The grant will finance a multi-million pound investment in new manufacturing techniques and processes at the plant. These techniques are currently only available in mainland Europe, Asia and the USA and will bring to the UK innovative engineering the company says is 'pivotal' to its future.

Rimstock, which is also celebrating its 30th year of manufacturing in the West Midlands, says the funding also secures the future of its existing 240-strong workforce. And it is already looking at potential sites nearby to allow it to expand.

Company chairman Steve Neal said: "We are delighted at Rimstock to have been successful in securing the Regional Growth funding.

"In what is Rimstock's 30th year of manufacturing right here in Sandwell, and as the UK's only OEM alloy wheel manufacturer, the funding is pivotal to our future plans, which will not only secure jobs, but generate more over the next four years."

Steve Lane, CEO and managing director, added: "At Rimstock we are very proud of our British automotive manufacturing heritage, which has experienced some turbulent times over the past few years.

"And to succeed and continue to drive the business forward against a backdrop of these challenges, demonstrates our passion and commitment to our people and the West Midlands region."

"This is engineering for the future and we feel excited about the next four years for Rimstock. It was great to be able to give this news to our people.

"We believe this new technology will open doors for us with some of the UK's big vehicle manufacturers and many of them have supported us in our bid for the RGF money."

Rimstock supplies its alloy wheels to some of the world's most prestigious automotive marques as well as the after-sales market.

With over half of Rimstock's trading right here in Britain, the company says the much-needed funding will enable it to manufacture local to its market and remain one step ahead of intense competition from the Far East.

Prayer hall refused for lack of parking

A PLAN to create a prayer hall and community centre in the Black Country has been refused by councillors over a lack of parking spaces. The centre would have opened in Halesowen Road, Old Hill, for the Muslim community. But concerns were raised by councillors when it was revealed up to 100 people would be expected to attend on Friday afternoons. The plans for the former Sunday school site only included 30 parking spaces.

Although the applicant claimed a deal had been struck with the nearby Platinum Plaza venue to use its car park, members of Sandwell Council's Planning Committee were uncomfortable about the lack of a legal agreement.

The Holy Trinity Church, which is based in Halesowen Road, had objected to the proposals, fearing the impact dozens of parked cars could have on its ability to stage weddings and funerals.

Councillor Roger Horton said: "I agree the building itself is brilliant but it's in the wrong location. Children walk along there as well and I don't think it's safe for children."

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Volunteer Reece Jones, 22, with a model made in 1891 to illustrate a point during a court case on emissions

Display backtracks on railways' colourful past

BITTER disputes, a fatal accident and the unstoppable growth of industry – Wolverhampton's railways have a colourful past.

And now the untold stories of the city's network are being revealed in a new exhibition.

The event at Bantock House Museum looks at the origin of railways in Wolverhampton and the important role they have played in the city's development.

A range of artefacts, documents and information are displayed in the exhibition, with recordings of steam trains providing the soundtrack. The exhibits were loaned to the museum by railway historians Simon Dewey, Mervyn Srodzinsky and Ned Williams.

Steam trains were built in Wolverhampton at the Stafford Road Locomotive Works near Dunstall, which opened in 1849 and where the new 2-2-2 express single locomotives were created in 1859. In 1864 a new superintendent joined the works and developed a new way of working by which new parts were added to old locomotives – which became known as the 'Wolverhampton style.'

MEMORY LANE

By Jamie Brassington

This is just one of the fascinating stories told through the exhibition, which also charts the history of bitter disputes on the lines over years.

Importance

The importance of the line led to the so-called 'railway battles' – two disputes between the Shrewsbury & Birmingham Railway (SBR) and the London & North Western Railway (LNWR) over agreements to use the Stour Valley line through to the high level station in Wolverhampton.

The first battle took place in 1850 when workmen from the rival companies confronted each other and the mayor, policeman and the military armed with bayonets had to intervene.

The second battle followed a year later which took place just south of Wolverhampton's current station.

An SBR train arrived in Wolverhampton around 9am and departed shortly after. It didn't get far though as the LNWR had blocked the line with two locomotives.The firm had also derailed another locomotive and removed parts of track.

Both sets of workmen confronted each other and the SBR train tried to push the LNWR train down the line but to no avail. The mayor, police and military again had to intervene.

Other historic events covered included a crash at the Portobello junction in 1899 in which two railway workers died.

Artefacts on show include a model steam engine – built in 1891 to defend a court case relating to emissions of sparks, and a plaque from a train named after Wrottesley Hall in Wolverhampton.

The exhibition, called One The Right Tracks, ends on May 10.

A locomotive headlamp forms part of the On the Right Tracks exhibition at the Bantock House Museum

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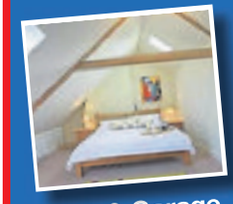

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Rick wit and the prog rock veterans

PROG rock veterans are back in the Black Country next week with the return of some of the biggest names from the 70s progressive rock genre.

Former Yes keyboardist, raconteur Rick Wakeman presents Yet Another Evening With at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on February 26. It blends tales from his rock career and examples of his virtuoso skills. Support is from harmonious folk-singing siblings The Cadbury Sisters.

On the same night Coloseum return 45 years since they originally split, to play the Robin 2 in Bilston. The line up includes founder John Hiseman, his wife Barbara Thompson on sax (she has been battling Parkinson's Disease) and singer Chris Farlowe.

Psychocandy is back on the menu

INFLUENTIAL rock band The Jesus and Mary Chain, based around Scottish brothers Jim and William Reid, will go back to their pioneering Psychocandy 1985 debut for a gig at Birmingham Institute on Wednesday, February 25.

Meanwhile, rock veterans Paul Jones and Dave Kelly bring The Blues Band to Bilston's Robin 2 tonight (Thursday). Charlie Simpson's reunited Fightstar are at the Institute on Monday with Pond at the Digbeth venue the following night. Brum's Ocean Colour Scene have two nights at Symphony Hall celebrating 25 years on Saturday and Tuesday.

By royal appointment — the king and his speech therapist

Walking, dancing, living doll

BIRMINGHAM Royal Ballet return home to Birmingham Hippodrome to begin a special year that marks their 25th anniversary in the city and director-choreographer David Bintley's 20th year at the company.

Family favourite Coppélia, about an eccentric toymaker who wants to bring a life-sized doll to life and is tricked, is staged from Tuesday to Saturday, February 28. First performed by the company in 1995, Sir Peter Wright's production is one of BRB's most popular classical ballets. Each performance will feature a different ballerina in the comic-romantic role of Swanilda.

This week, until Saturday, the company present Moving Stateside, three short ballets including George Blanchine's elegant Serenade, Jessica Lang's innovative Lyric Pieces and Twyla Tharp's exhilarating In the Upper Room.

Elisha Willis as Coppélia/Swanilda and David Morse as toymaker Doctor Coppélius

THE King's Speech – the play from which the Oscar-winning movie was adapted – will star Raymond Coulthard as King George VI and Jason Donovan as his Australian speech therapist Lionel Logue at Birmingham Repertory Theatre next week.

The production is directed by the Rep's artistic director Roxana Silbert and is staged from Wednesday, February 25, to Saturday, March 7. The play tells of the stammering king's relationship with his unconventional therapist as his brother's abdication thrusts him into the public eye.

Aussie soap and pop star Jason Donovan has successfully created a stage career, whilst Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC) and National Theatre actor Raymond Coulthard is best know as Miles Egerton in ITV drama Mr Selfridge.

Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre continues its association with some of the nation's finest theatre companies. The National Theatre's touring production of The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time continues until Saturday. Then the RSC and English Touring Theatre's production of A Mad World My Masters has a short run from February 26 to 28. A hit when it was staged at Stratford in 2013, Sean Foley's production updates Thomas Middleton's raucous 1600s comedy to seedy 1950s Soho where life is a matter of scam or be scammed.

Jason Donovan and Raymond Coulthard in The King's Speech

EastEnders director Kate Saxon returns to the theatre with a touring revival of Alan Bennett's comedy-drama The History Boys, at Birmingham New Alexandra Theatre from Monday to Saturday. The movie version of the play, about precocious Yorkshire grammar school students aiming to get to university in Oxford or Cambridge, launched the careers of James Corden and Dominic Cooper.

Buzz around The Honey Man play

AN AGEING Caribbean recluse who keeps bees and a teenage heiress clash in The Honey Man by Tyrone Huggins, with the Birmingham playwright himself in the titular role, at The Rep's The Door venue until Saturday. The play is then at Wolverhampton's Arena Theatre on Tuesday (matinee and evening).

Meanwhile, 1940s American comedy Harvey continues at Birmingham Rep until Saturday with James Dreyfuss as the man with an invisible giant rabbit pal and Maureen Lipman as his long-suffering sister.

Over at the New Alexandra Theatre, Jodie Prenger will continue to whipcrack-away as Calamity Jane until Saturday in the wild west musical.

NME Awards tour rolls in for city gig

THE NME Awards Tour rolls into Birmingham this month with a chance to see four bands who won over critics at the music journal.

This year the tour, which is being backed by the trendy Texan city of Austin, marks 25 years of discovering major talent, such as Coldplay, The Killers, Arctic Monkeys and, last year, Royal Blood.

The line-up at Digbeth's Institute on Saturday, February 28, includes Glasgow rockers The Amazing Snakeheads, Brighton punk dance duo Slaves, the controversial Fat White Family and headliners London garage rockers Palma Violets.

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Ant McPartlin and Dec Donnelly

Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway (ITV, 7pm)

The popular Geordie duo return with a new series of the entertainment show, featuring pranks, sketches, famous guests and competitions. Singer Olly Murs becomes the latest victim of the pair's undercover pranks as they infiltrate the pop star's final session for his very own wax figure at Madame Tussauds Blackpool. Singer-songwriter Ed Sheeran performs live in the studio, and former Pussycat Doll Ashley Roberts leaves the hosts in a spin as she presides over the first round of Ant v Dec. Plus, one lucky member of the studio audience plays for the contents of a commercial break.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Mary Berry Cooks. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.10** Football Focus. **12.50** Saturday Sportsday. **1.00** Live Athletics: Birmingham Indoor Grand Prix. Coverage from the Barclaycard Arena in Birmingham. **4.30** Final Score. **5.20** Pointless Celebrities. With famous faces from the world of children's TV. (R)

6.10 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.30 Now You See It. Magic highlights, featuring befuddled traffic wardens, a card trick performed during a skydive and an eye-popping illusion with a Rubik's Cube. Narrated by Mel Giedroyc.

7.00 The Voice UK. It's the final round of blind auditions and it's bound to be a tense time for all as the coaches fill the last few places on their teams. Will.i.am, Tom Jones, Rita Ora and Ricky Wilson will only want the best singers to take through to next week's battle rounds, when their acts will be pitted against each other in head-to-head knockout performances. Emma Willis and Marvin Humes meet the hopefuls, who include burlesque dancer Amber Topaz and Tina Turner impersonator Andrew Marc.

8.25 The National Lottery: Win Your Wish List. Shane Richie hosts the game show in which two contestants answer questions to win each other's dream prizes. Including the lottery draws, with guest Marco Pierre White.

9.15 Casualty. A woman is admitted with stomach cramps – but when Dylan and Lofty dig out her notes, she is forced to confess a big secret. Connie helps a teenager with Tourette's syndrome.

10.05 BBC News; Weather.

10.25 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Chelsea v Burnley at Stamford Bridge and Manchester City v Newcastle United at the Etihad Stadium; National Lottery Update.

11.50 The Football League Show. Manish Bhasin presents highlights and all the goals from the latest fixtures in the Championship, League One and League Two, including Brentford v Bournemouth.

1.10 EastEnders. (R) **4.05** Weather for the Week Ahead. **4.10** BBC News.

BBC2

7.25 Film: Summer Magic. (1963) **9.10** Fred Dibnah's Age of Steam. (R) **9.40** The Fred Dibnah Story. (R) **10.10** British Isles: A Natural History. (R) **11.00** Six Nations Rewind. **12.00** Food & Drink. (R) **12.30** A Taste of Britain. **1.00** A Taste of Britain. **1.30** On the Waterfront: Talking Pictures. **2.00 Film:** On the Waterfront. (1954) Drama, with Marlon Brando. **3.45 Film:** The Go-Between. (1971) Period drama, with Julie Christie. **5.35** The Great British Sewing Bee. (R)

6.35 Flog It! Experts David Barby and Elizabeth Talbot head to the seaside town of Skegness in Lincolnshire, where they value items brought in by locals.

7.30 How We Got to Now with Steven Johnson. The American author explores the technological innovations in the measurement of time, examining the stories of the unsung heroes whose ideas transformed the world. He looks at the developments made by a railway clerk who fought to standardise time zones and the cobbler who invented the first cheap watch.

8.30 Dad's Army. Private Pike receives his call-up papers and unexpectedly passes his medical, much to the horror of his mollycoddling mother. (R)

9.00 Reginald D Hunter's Songs of the South. New series. The Georgia-born, London-based comedian goes on a road trip to explore the American South through its songs both past and present, beginning with the music of Kentucky and Tennessee. He examines the disturbing tradition of blackface minstrels, and visits Dollywood theme park, a slave plantation, the home of country music in Nashville, a moonshine distillery in Gatlinburg and a string-band festival in Mount Air. Featuring contributions by Dolly Parton, the Handsome Family and Del McCoury.

10.00 Film: Gambit. (2012) Premiere. A put-upon art expert plans revenge on a millionaire by tricking him into buying a fake Monet painting. Comedy remake, with Colin Firth, Cameron Diaz and Alan Rickman.

11.20 Film: Spider. (2002) A schizophrenic pieces together the traumatic childhood events that led to his condition. Psychological thriller, starring Ralph Fiennes and Miranda Richardson.

12.55 This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Bottom Knocker Street. **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.20** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Sooty. (R) **7.25** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Adventure Time. **8.30** Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. (R) **8.50** Scrambled!: Hulk and the Agents of Smash. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **10.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **11.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.25** ITV News; Weather. **12.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **1.35** The Unforgettable Hattie Jacques. (R) **2.05** The Chase. (R) **3.05** Doc Martin. (R) **4.05** Big Star's Little Star. (R) **5.05** Regional Programme ; Weather.**5.15** ITV News; Weather. **5.25** You've Been Framed! Presents. Harry Hill's absurd thoughts on a variety of subjects. (R)

6.30 Planet's Got Talent. A man covers himself in giant crabs, a preschool Popeye flexes his muscles, a pig shows off its football skills and a hopeful plays the harmonica with his nose. Last in the series.

7.00 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway. New series. The duo play an undercover prank on Olly Murs at Madame Tussauds Blackpool, and battle it out in the first round of Ant v Dec. Ed Sheeran performs live in the studio.

8.25 Take Me Out. Builder Rich, blacksmith Andy, business manager Ashley and estate agent Ross vie for the attentions of 30 single women, intent on securing a date. Paddy McGuinness hosts.

9.40 The Jonathan Ross Show. The host is joined by Absolutely Fabulous star Jennifer Saunders, who recently finished writing the script for the big-screen version of the hit sitcom, and Take Me Out presenter Paddy McGuinness, who is embarking on a 50-date tour later this year. Plus, actor Nick Frost, long-time comedy partner of Simon Pegg.

10.40 ITV News; Weather.

10.55 Film: I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry. (2007) A fireman asks a male colleague to pretend to marry him to get round a problem with his late wife's life insurance policy. Comedy, with Adam Sandler and Kevin James.

12.55 Jackpot247. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.40** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.35** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.00** Trans World Sport. **7.55** The Morning Line. **9.00** The King of Queens. (R) **9.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **11.00** Frasier. (R) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.25** Child Genius. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Kempton Park, Newcastle and Lingfield Park. **4.15** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.15** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **5.45** The Simpsons. (R)

6.10 The Simpsons. (R)

6.40 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Homes by the Sea. New series. Charlie Luxton visits some of Britain's best seaside properties and designs his own fantasy home in each location, taking inspiration from local architecture and scenery. He begins on the Pembrokeshire coast, where he views a space-age home built into the cliffs of St Brides Bay and advises a couple undertaking a huge renovation project overlooking Fishguard Harbour. He then heads to Newport, sailing up the River Nevern to explore the secrets of a remarkable waterside property, before visiting an ancient castle that doubles up as a cosy period cottage.

8.00 The World's Weirdest Weather. A look at weather at its strangest and fastest, featuring a cloud enveloping a supersonic jet, apocalyptic black rain, towering waterspouts and a red waterfall. Last in the series.

9.00 Film: Silver Linings Playbook. (2012) Premiere. A teacher is committed to a psychiatric institution after battering his wife's lover. Eight months later, he is released into the care of his parents and sets about rebuilding his ruined life, finding help in the shape of a woman with psychological issues of her own to resolve. Romantic comedy drama, starring an Oscar-winning Jennifer Lawrence, with Bradley Cooper and Robert De Niro.

11.25 Film: Green Zone. (2010) A military officer searching Iraq for weapons of mass destruction after the US invasion uncovers a conspiracy. Thriller, starring Matt Damon and Greg Kinnear.

1.35 The Last Leg. (R) **2.25** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.30** Location, Location, Location. (R) **5.25** Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** SpongeBob SquarePants. **10.35** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **10.55** The Dog Rescuers. (R) **11.20** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **12.15** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **1.10** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **2.10** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **3.05 Film:** Columbo: How to Dial a Murder. (1978) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **4.35 Film:** Columbo: Murder – A Self Portrait. (1989) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk.

6.25 NCIS. Ducky reopens a case while on medical leave by talking officials into releasing the body of a navy commander whose post-mortem he carried out 12 years previously. (R)

7.05 NCIS. The team is called in to investigate when three dehydrated survivors from a helicopter crash are discovered. The pilot is initially missing, but his body later washes ashore with a gunshot wound to the head. Things get complicated when one of the crew members tells the agents the chopper was hit by another aircraft, while another states that the pilot tried to kill them all by crashing into the sea on purpose. (R)

8.00 5 News Weekend.

8.05 Law & Order. Lupo and Green are called to the scene after a white teenage boy and a black girl are shot and killed, but locals are unwilling to talk about the incident. Previously seen on 5USA.

9.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. Morgan, Sara and Julie take a break from normal duty by attending a forensics conference, but any thoughts of a peaceful getaway are shattered when a gunman bursts in and starts shooting into the crowd at a lecture before continuing on a rampage through the hotel. The team discovers the attacker had killed a hotel security guard just a few days before and was thought to be targeting specific individuals on his spree, including Dr Jane Snyder, a former colleague of Sara.

10.00 World Championship Boxing: Live From Monte Carlo. Gennady Golovkin v Martin Murray. Live coverage of the bout for the WBA Super, WBC Interim and IBO World Middleweight titles, from Salle des Etoiles in Monte Carlo, Monaco.

12.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** 10,000 BC. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.15** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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BBC Three

7.00 Great Movie Mistakes 2: The Sequel **7.20** Top Gear **8.25 Film:** Meet the Parents (2000) **10.10** Live at the Apollo **10.40** Family Guy **12.55** Crims **3.50** Close

BBC Four

7.00 Natural World: Tiger Island **8.00** A Very British Murder with Lucy Worsley **9.00** Hostages **10.20** Charlie Brooker's Weekly Wipe **10.50** Queens of Heartache **11.50** Queens of Jazz: The Joy and Pain of the Jazz Divas **12.50** Top of the Pops: 1980 **1.30** Sounds of the 70s 2 Punk – Anarchy on the BBC **2.00** Natural World: Tiger Island **3.00** A Very British Murder with Lucy Worsley **4.00** Close

ITV2

11.15 Film: Babe: Pig in the City (1998) **1.10 Film:** Richie Rich (1994) **3.00 Film:** Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium (2007) **4.55** You've Been Framed! **5.25 Film:** Back to the Future (1985) **7.45 Film:** Evan Almighty (2007) **9.40** Take Me Out – The Gossip **10.25** Reality Bites **11.10** The Keith Lemon Sketch Show **11.35** Ibiza Weekender **12.35 Film:** The Invention of Lying (2009) **2.25** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

11.45 A Touch of Frost **1.55** Wycliffe **3.05 Film:** Carry On Again Doctor (1969) **4.55** Agatha Christie's Marple **6.55** Doc Martin **8.00** Foyle's War **10.05** Lewis **12.10** A Touch of Frost **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

11.00 The Big Fish Off **12.00 Film:** For Whom the Bell Tolls (1943) **3.10 Film:** Field of Dreams (1989) **5.20** Storage Wars **7.15** Storage Wars: Texas **8.10 Film:** Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol (1987) **10.00** Cricket World Cup Highlights **11.00 Film:** Plunkett & Macleane (1999) **1.05** River Monsters **2.00** Hogan's Heroes **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

11.00 Taking New York **12.00** Marry Me **12.30** New Girl **1.30** Melissa & Joey **2.30** Baby Daddy **3.30** How I Met Your Mother **4.30** Rules of Engagement **5.30** Troy **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** The Inbetweeners Movie (2011) **11.00** The Inbetweeners **12.05** The Inbetweeners Top 10 Moments **1.05** Troy **2.10** 2 Broke Girls **2.35** How I Met Your Mother **3.20** Don't Trust the B**** in Apartment 23 **4.05** Suburgatory **4.25** One Tree Hill **5.10** Desperate Housewives

Film4

11.00 Town on Trial (1957) **1.00** Beaches (1988) **3.30** Marley and Me (2008) **6.00** Independence Day (1996) **9.00** Vehicle 19 (2013) **10.40** Pusher (2012) **12.25** The Cold Light of Day (2012) **2.15** Rize (2005) **4.00** Close

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CHOICE

Jemima West

Indian Summers (Channel 4, 9pm)

The fallout from the shooting reverberates around Simla and a curfew is imposed to deal with the supposed terrorist threat, and the arrival of a journalist causes trouble for Ralph when he tries to uncover the truth behind the assassination attempt. Ian is shocked to learn of his uncle's financial difficulties, while Eugene and Cynthia conspire to push Madeleine and Ralph closer together. Sarah becomes suspicious of Alice's past and turns detective to find out why she really moved to India. Drama set during the summer of 1932, telling the story of the decline of the British Empire and the birth of modern India. Starring Julie Walters and and Henry Lloyd-Hughes.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. **11.30** MOTD2 Extra. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** The Link. **2.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.45** Eat Well for Less? (R) **3.45** Your Home in Their Hands. **4.45** Lifeline. **4.55** Songs of Praise. **5.30** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.00 The Big Painting Challenge. New series. Una Stubbs and Richard Bacon host this art competition, in which 10 keen amateurs take on three specially designed challenges each week, showing their skills across a range of mediums – from oil, acrylic and watercolour painting to pencil, charcoal and chalk drawing – and different themes, including landscapes, still life and portraiture. Their efforts are judged by painters Daphne Todd and Lachlan Goudie – and they are the ones who decide who will be leaving the contest at the end of each show.

7.00 Countryfile. The team explores how erosion has shaped Suffolk, Matt Baker joins scientists to view a town swallowed by the sea centuries ago and Tom Heap investigates the price of milk. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 Call the Midwife. A diabetic teenager faces heartbreak when she falls pregnant as a result of a clandestine romance. The midwives become involved with a settlement of Irish travellers.

9.00 The Casual Vacancy. As "the Ghost of Barry Fairbrother" makes further accusations, Samantha throws a dinner party to smooth things over – but things get out of control when Howard and Shirley arrive.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, featuring Southampton v Liverpool, Tottenham Hotspur v West Ham United and Everton v Leicester City.

11.40 The Super League Show: World Club Series Special. Action from the World Club Series, featuring three fixtures, including St Helens v South Sydney Rabbitohs in the World Club Challenge from Langtree Park.

12.25 The Apprentice USA. **1.50** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.55** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 The A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **6.15** Great British Garden Revival. (R) **7.15** Glorious Gardens from Above. (R) **8.00** Countryfile. (R) **9.00** The Football League Show. (R) **10.20** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.50** The Great Comic Relief Bake Off. (R) **12.50** Live Cycling. Coverage of the final day of the UCI Track World Championships. **4.30** The Wonder of Animals. (R) **5.00** Alaska – Earth's Frozen Kingdom. (R)

6.00 Speed Dreams: The Fastest Place on Earth. Every year thousands of motor sports enthusiasts from all over the world descend upon a dried-up salt lake in Bonneville, Utah, hoping to join the elite group of the fastest people on earth. This two-part documentary follows British petrolheads building machines that they hope will make a mark in America, beginning by meeting the obsessive men behind the machines, including a Great Yarmouth beach cleaner with a formidable reputation as a motorcycle builder. Bill Nighy narrates. (R)

7.00 The Fifteen Billion Pound Railway. Documentary following the work of more than 10,000 engineers and construction workers as they build Crossrail – a new train line linking east and west London. (R)

8.00 Top Gear. Richard Hammond compares the Porsche Cayman GTS with the latest Chevrolet Corvette and James May takes the LaFerrari hybrid hypercar out for a spin in Italy. With guest Olly Murs.

9.00 Dragons' Den. Ideas pitched include a new form of transportation, a subscription box of foodie treats, a safety device for boats and a home-made marmalade brand. Evan Davis presents.

10.00 Meet the Ukippers. Documentary offering an insight into UKIP as cameras follow activists over the course of six months in South Thanet, Kent, where Nigel Farage is standing at the General Election.

10.50 Film: Blackthorn. (2011) Premiere. Butch Cassidy plans to return home to his family from exile in Bolivia, but is drawn into one last criminal adventure. Western, starring Sam Shepard and Eduardo Noriega.

12.30 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **1.25** Holby City. (R) **2.25** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Bottom Knocker Street. **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.20** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Sooty. (R) **7.25** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Ultimate Spider-Man. **8.30** Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. (R) **8.50** Scrambled!: Deadtime Stories. (R) **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **11.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.35** ITV News; Weather. **12.40** The Unforgettable Kenneth Williams. (R) **1.10** Mel & Sue's Best Bits. **2.15** The Chase. (R) **3.10** Tipping Point. (R) **4.15 Film:** Octopussy. (1983) James Bond investigates the mysterious death of a fellow agent in East Berlin and uncovers a plot to start a third world war. Spy adventure, starring Roger Moore and Maud Adams.

6.40 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.45 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 Get Your Act Together. Ray Quinn, James Bolam, Claire Richards, Chip and last week's winner return to the stage with their mentors for the live final, hosted by Stephen Mulhern. Last in the series.

8.15 All Star Family Fortunes. Impressionist Jon Culshaw and Emmerdale actress Fiona Wade (Priya Sharma) team up with their families in an attempt to win a jackpot of £30,000 for charity. Vernon Kay hosts.

9.00 Mr Selfridge. Harry announces the acquisition of the Selfridge Estate – but Loxley is out to get him. Kitty receives unwelcome press attention and Princess Marie is forced to tell Lois the truth. Drama based on the life of Harry Gordon Selfridge, starring Jeremy Piven.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.20 Bear Grylls: Mission Survive. Eight celebrities face a challenging 12-day expedition in the rainforest of Costa Rica, competing to remain in the programme each week and get through to the final. (R)

11.20 Premiership Rugby Union. Highlights of the latest top-flight fixtures, including Bath v Northampton Saints, Harlequins v Exeter Chiefs and London Irish v Leicester Tigers.

12.15 The Store. **2.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.15** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.20 NFL: Rush Zone. **6.45** How I Met Your Mother. **7.05** How I Met Your Mother. **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast. (R) **1.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.25 Film:** Love Happens. (2009) Romantic drama, starring Aaron Eckhart and Jennifer Aniston. **4.35** Location, Location, Location. (R) **5.35** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. Jasmine Harman helps Ann and Chris Goodwin from Leicestershire in their search for a Spanish holiday property in the hills west of Malaga.

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Four Rooms. New series. Anita Rani returns with the show in which members of the public gamble offers they receive on prized possessions. Dealers Jeff Salmon, Wendy Meakin, Raj Bisram and Peter Ratcliffe dig deep into their pockets for a tennis racket once owned by Andy Murray, a piece of Admiral Nelson's ship HMS Victory, artworks by Lucian Freud and Francis Bacon, and cutting-edge aircraft furniture.

8.00 The Auction House. Boss Roger announces his latest plan to increase profits – a new minimum price of £500 – while a cash-strapped artist hopes to raise the money for a deposit on a flat.

9.00 Indian Summers. A curfew is imposed to deal with the supposed terrorist threat, the arrival of a journalist causes trouble for Ralph, and Sarah turns detective to find out why Alice moved to India.

10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown. Sean Lock and Jason Manford compete against guest captain Sarah Millican and Jonathan Ross, while Bill Bailey joins Susie Dent in Dictionary Corner. Last in the series. (R)

11.05 Film: Moonrise Kingdom. (2012) Premiere. The inhabitants of an island community are thrown into a panic as they search for two runaway children. Wes Anderson's comedy drama, with Bruce Willis and Edward Norton.

12.50 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. (R) **1.40** The Million Pound Drop. (R) **2.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.45** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.35** Face the Clock. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Pip Ahoy! (R) **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.55** Chloe's Closet. **7.05** Mio Mao. (R) **7.10** Olly the Little White Van. **7.15** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.30** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.40** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **8.40** Zack and Quack. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **10.00** SpongeBob SquarePants. **10.35** The Dog Rescuers. (R) **11.00** Robson's Extreme Fishing Challenge. (R) **12.00** Robson's Extreme Fishing Challenge. (R) **1.00 Film:** Innerspace. (1987) Sci-fi comedy, starring Dennis Quaid. **3.20 Film:** Stand By Me. (1986) Coming-of-age drama, starring River Phoenix. **4.55 Film:** Honey, I Shrunk the Kids. (1989) Disney comedy, starring Rick Moranis.

6.45 Film: WarGames. (1983) A teenager hacks into a top-secret military supercomputer, which challenges him to what he thinks is a game. However, the machine has complete control of the US nuclear arsenal, and the youngster's actions are unwittingly pushing the world to the brink of war. Thriller, starring Matthew Broderick, Ally Sheedy, Dabney Coleman and John Wood. Part of the 80s Movie Marathon. Edited for language and flashing images.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Film: Top Gun. (1986) An arrogant pilot's maverick flying skills earn him a place in an elite US Navy school, where he comes into conflict with a fellow student and falls for his civilian instructor. A tragedy in the air threatens to end his military career – until an international incident offers him a chance to redeem himself. Aerial action adventure, starring Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis, Val Kilmer, Anthony Edwards and Tom Skerritt. Part of the 80s Movie Marathon.

11.15 Film: Young Guns. (1988) Billy the Kid and his gang become outlaws as they seek revenge for their employer's murder by a rival rancher. Western, starring Emilio Estevez, Kiefer Sutherland and Charlie Sheen. Part of the 80s Movie Marathon.

1.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** 10,000 BC. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.15** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three

7.00 Great Movie Mistakes 2: The Sequel **7.05** Pop's Greatest Dance Crazes **7.35** The Voice UK **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News **10.00** I Survived a Zombie Apocalypse **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** Uncle **12.15** American Dad! **12.35** I Survived a Zombie Apocalypse **1.35** Bangkok Airport **2.30** South Side Story **3.00** Bangkok Airport **3.55** Close

BBC Four

7.00 The Great War **7.40** Britain's Wild Places **8.00** Mark Lawson Talks to Kazuo Ishiguro **9.00** Storyville: Love Is All **10.15 Film:** Mystery Road (2013) **12.10** Status Quo: Live and Acoustic **1.10** When Rock Goes Acoustic **2.10** Acoustic at the BBC **3.10** Sounds of the 70s 2 New Wave – Hit Me with Your Rhythm Stick **3.40** Close

ITV2

11.45 Take Me Out **1.00** Take Me Out – The Gossip **1.45** You've Been Framed! **2.10** Scorpion **3.05** Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway **4.35 Film:** Nanny McPhee (2005) **6.30 Film:** Jurassic Park (1993) **9.00** Ibiza Weekender **10.00** The Keith Lemon Sketch Show **10.30 Film:** White Chicks (2004) **12.50** Fool Britannia **1.20** Fake Reaction **1.55** Life's Funniest Moments **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

11.40 Goodnight Mister Tom **1.50** Agatha Christie's Marple **3.50** Rosemary & Thyme **4.55** Inspector Morse **7.00** Lewis **9.00** Sunday Night at the Palladium **10.00** Birds of a Feather **10.30** City Lights **11.35 Film:** The Portrait of a Lady (1996) **2.15** Countrywise **3.10** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.40** Emmerdale

ITV4

11.40 Pawn Stars **2.25 Film:** Dunkirk (1958) **5.10 Film:** Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol (1987) **7.00** The Big Fish Off **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Harry's South Pole Heroes **10.00** Cricket World Cup Highlights **11.00 Film:** Tango & Cash (1989) **1.10** Hell on Wheels **1.55** The Professionals **2.45** Movies Now **2.55** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

12.30 Revenge **1.30** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **2.30** The 100 **3.30 Film:** Furry Vengeance (2010) **5.20** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **5.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **10.00** The Inbetweeners **11.05** The Inbetweeners Top 10 Moments **12.10** Taking New York **1.15** Rules of Engagement **2.15** The New Normal **3.00** Suburgatory **3.20** Hollyoaks

Film4

11.00 At the Earth's Core (1976) **1.00** The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (2010) **3.20** The 7th Voyage of Sinbad (1958) **5.10** A Monster in Paris (2011) **6.55** The Day the Earth Stood Still (2008) **9.00** The A-Team (2010) **11.20** Me, Myself and Irene (2000) **1.40** Aparajito (1957) **4.00** Close

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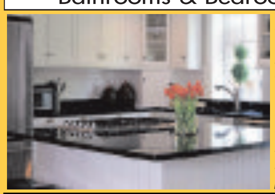

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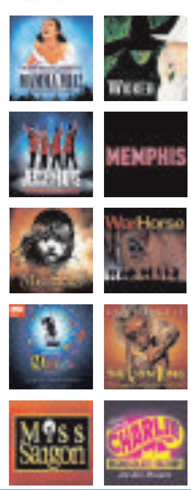

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Heist, BBC1, 12.30am
A veteran criminal's charmed life comes to an abrupt end when he is caught on security camera. He is blackmailed by a dealer in stolen goods, who threatens to turn him over to the police if he does not carry out a gold robbery. The thief also suspects his wife is planning to leave him for a younger crook. Thriller from writer-director David Mamet, starring Gene Hackman, Danny DeVito and Ricky Jay. (2001)

TUESDAY
Carry On Henry, ITV, 11.40pm
King Henry VIII plots to rid himself of his new French wife when her craving for garlic becomes too much to cope with. However, he cannot afford to anger the king of France, and tries to make it look as if his queen has had an affair. Comedy, starring Sid James, Joan Sims, Kenneth Williams and Kenneth Connor. (1971)

WEDNESDAY
Citizenfour, Channel 4, 11.05pm
Laura Poitras' Bafta-winning documentary follows her meetings with whistleblower Edward Snowden, as he reveals evidence of a massive campaign of illegal surveillance carried out on US citizens by the country's National Security Agency. When the story goes public, they find themselves at the centre of a media storm and facing decisions that would have a huge impact on their lives. (2014)

Doubt, Friday, BBC2, 11.05pm

THURSDAY
Having You, BBC1, 11.45pm
A man with a fear of commitment finally manages to overcome his doubts and propose to his girlfriend. He finds himself facing new responsibilities when he runs into a woman he once had a one-night stand with, only to discover he is the father of her seven-year-old son. Drama, starring Anna Friel and Romola Garai. (2013)

FRIDAY
Doubt, BBC2, 11.05pm
A disciplinarian nun at a Catholic school in 1960s New York suspects a charismatic priest of behaving inappropriately with a student. A battle of wills ensues between the pair as she tries to gather definitive evidence beyond her own moral certainty. Drama based on director John Patrick Shanley's stage play, starring Meryl Streep and Philip Seymour Hoffman. (2008)

PICK OF THE WEEK

Hopefuls aim to step in the right direction

For some celebrities, squeezing themselves into a revealing outfit, getting coated in fake tan, and then shimmying around on national TV is practically their job description, so signing up for Strictly Come Dancing probably feels like just another day at the office.

However, for members of the public, the chance to enter the sequinned, glamorous world of televised ballroom dancing is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity – which is where The People's Strictly comes in.

Last year, viewers were asked to nominate someone who they thought deserved the chance to trip the light fantastic. Out of the thousands of names put forward, six inspirational people were ultimately chosen, all of whom have worked selflessly to improve the lives of others.

Over the next four weeks, we'll see them learn to dance and perform a routine, culminating in one of them being crowned a champion as part of Comic Relief, but in this opening edition we start by meeting three of the remarkable contestants.

Lance Corporal Cassidy Little is a 33-year-old former Royal Marine medic, who lost his right leg below the knee during a tour of Afghanistan in the summer of 2011. Despite his own horrific injuries, Cassidy attempted to tend to his colleagues on the ground after the attack, and is also credited with lifting the spirits of his fellow injured Marines during their intensive rehabilitation.

In 1999, Michael Pattie tragically lost his 13-year-old son Dave to meningitis, and since then has worked tirelessly to raise money for the Meningitis Research Foundation. His charity fundraisers have included Strictly-themed events in his native Dumfries, but now he's about to experience the real thing.

Meanwhile, Heather Parsons set up a charity to support intensive care patients and their families, inspired by her own experiences. It keeps her busy and she barely gets any time to herself – apart from on a Saturday evening when a certain pro-celebrity dance contest is on.

She says: "It's every little girl's dream to be in that sparkly outfit, being waltzed around the dance floor with a lovely partner and Strictly makes that dream a reality for a couple of hours on a Saturday evening."

Now, she's about to get to experience it for herself as she's told that she's been chosen to take part in a suitably flamboyant manner.

Once they've all got over the shock, it's time to start training with their professional partners. They need to work hard, as in the third episode they and fellow contestants Philip Barnett, Trishna Bharadia and Anna Kennedy OBE, will face their first challenge – showing Craig Revel-Horwood what they've learned so far.

He'll give them a few pointers to work on, but the good news is that he won't actually be judging them. Due to a prior commitment, he's going to be Australia, and his place on the panel will be taken by Strictly favourite Anton du Beke who will join Darcey Bussell, Bruno Tonioli and head judge Len Goodman.

Perhaps there are some parts of the Strictly experience that are best left to the celebs after all…

The People's Strictly for Comic Relief, Wednesday, BBC1, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Broadchurch
ITV, 9pm
Meera Syal, aka Judge Sonia Sharma, jumped at the chance to star in series two of ITV's smash drama, but what was it about Chris Chibnall's scripts that attracted her? "He takes time," she explains. "It's the time and space in his scripts that he uses to delve into character. It's what drew people to watch The Killing. It's so much more about what are the effects of these events on people and to delve into their inner lives." This week it's the series finale, so fans can expect plenty of twists and turns for Alec (David Tennant) and Ellie (Olivia Colman) before those closing credits roll. Given the hit-and-miss nature of this second run, who knows whether Chibnall will deliver a third chapter?

NHS: £2billion a Week & Counting
Channel 4, 9pm
New series. A growing population, increased life expectancy, expensive medication and poor lifestyle choices are all contributing to a predicted £30billion-plus funding gap in just over 10 years' time. This interactive series challenges viewers to put themselves in the position of doctors, managers and other health professionals as they try to determine where to allocate scarce resources while facing complex dilemmas. The first programme considers liver transplants for alcoholics, cosmetic surgery and dementia.

TUESDAY
Mary Portas: Secret Shopper
Channel 4, 8pm
New series. The retail guru works with four businesses to help improve the quality of their customer service. At a family-run convenience store in Burnham, Buckinghamshire, she's shocked to see how staff behave when they don't know they're being filmed. Too much clowning around means out-of-date food is being left on the shelves, so Mary takes supervisor Dean and his team to a Michelin-starred restaurant to show them how to work well together. She also wants owner Keshu to rethink the products he stocks and give his savvy daughter Ash more responsibility.

WEDNESDAY
The Brit Awards 2015
ITV, 8pm
Ant and Dec host the star-studded ceremony live from London's O2, having last presented the show way back in 2001. This 35th edition features music by some of the biggest names in the industry, including Taylor Swift, Take That, Paloma Faith, and Madonna, performing on the Brits for the first time in 20 years as she promotes her new album Rebel Heart. Sam Smith leads the pack with five nominations, closely followed by Ed Sheeran and George Ezra, who each received four, and rock duo Royal Blood, who have three. They will all be battling it out for the coveted Album of the Year award alongside Alt-J, while Black Keys, First Aid Kit, Foo Fighters, the War on Drugs and 5 Seconds of Summer are all up for International Group.

Mary Portas, Tuesday, Channel 4, 9pm

THURSDAY
The Great British Sewing Bee
BBC2, 8pm
As the series progresses and more contestants are eliminated, it's becoming harder and harder to spot any weak links – or to decide who's ahead of the pack. Each week we have our own ideas about who has the title, ahem, sewn up – but then the following episode changes everything. This week's challenges should weed out the sharpest needles, though, as the remaining amateur sewers are tested on their ability to add shape and structure to garments. They begin by creating a boned corset by sewing together 12 individual pieces of fabric, before breathing new life into a 1980s 'power' suit. Finally, they are challenged to make a traditional kilt from scratch, which proves one of their toughest tests to date.

FRIDAY
Bear Grylls: Mission Survive
ITV, 9pm
If you ever found yourself stuck in the middle of nowhere with only the searing sun and a few circling vultures for company, you'd do well to remember Bear Grylls' top tips for survival. Okay, the chances are slim that you'll ever find yourself in that set-up but these celebs have, and it's making for great entertainment. Tonight, tensions are high as the famous folk navigate their way through dense jungle down a ravine, before settling down to a meal of live scorpions. The next morning brings their first wash in three days, but they shouldn't let their guard down – Bear is about to explain the team's first big test: a descent of a 120ft waterfall. And soon enough, one more celeb will be eliminated…

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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1 G	2 T	3 U	4 S	5 P	6 X	7 K	8 C	9 B	10 O	11 R	12 H	13 Q
14 F	15 M	16 W	17 Z	18 I	19 D	20 A	21 E	22 V	23 J	24 N	25 L	26 Y

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

3. Make a stop on the way? (9)
8. Bird associated with a crow (4)
9. Explain how to record one's vote? (3,6)
10. She's not so smart as her mate (6)
11. He gives the fellow an alternative (5)
14. A yachtsman, we hear, may be one who sneers (5)
15. Food crazy (4)
16. A place where waiters are forgotten? (5)
18. Cry from a small boat (4)
20. A rich mixture at the table (5)
21. Provides food and lodgings in castles (5)
24. Her sisters are not really her sisters (6)
25. Nobody pays an egg-producer around the end of October! (9)
26. He sold his birthright among the saucepans (4)
27. What he wants is no good to another (3-6)

Down

1. He's given unwarranted responsibility (9)
2. As a personal record, it's rather fragmentary (9)
4. English name, no French one (4)
5. Time to muse (5)
6. Copy-paper (6)
7. Its tower is inclined to attract tourists (4)
9. A gem looks right in a ring (5)
11. Maud's involved with a French writer (5)
12. Rush over to meet (3,6)
13. He must have space to work in (9)
17. A once-rough sea (5)
19. Colour that would run? (6)
22. They're in the front row when the game starts (5)
23. A visit from a local luminary (4)
24. Measure encountered over the East (4)

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Quick Clues:

Across

3. Doctor (9)
8. Portent (4)
9. Heedless (9)
10. Leap (6)
11. Gloss (5)
14. Concede (5)
15. Entice (4)
16. Rub out (5)
18. Yearn (4)
20. Mistake (5)
21. Impel (5)
24. Gloomy (6)
25. Parody (9)
26. Responsibility (4)
27. Barren (9)

Down

1. Policeman (9)
2. Censure (9)
4. Suspend (4)
5. Metal-worker (5)
6. Club (6)
7. Adjoin (4)
9. Combine (5)
11. Form (5)
12. Food (9)
13. Callous (9)
17. Weird (5)
19. Grating (6)
22. Call (5)
23. Revolution (4)
24. Uninteresting (4)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Heir; 3 Apparent; 8 Nine; 9 Division; 11 Straightness; 13 Meddle; 14 Strafe; 17 Night-clothes; 20 Clinging; 21 Cain; 22 Signpost; 23 Stud. Down: 1 Handsome; 2 Ignored; 4 Plight; 5 Alienation; 6 Exits; 7 Tiny; 10 Fill the gap; 12 Reasoned; 15 Athwart; 16 Scents; 18 Icing; 19 Acts. QUICK - Across: 1 Cosy; 3 Proposal; 8 Near; 9 Everyone; 11 Estrangement; 13 Stroke; 14 Staple; 17 Indifference; 20 Invoices; 21 Magi; 22 Relegate; 23 Stay. Down: 1 Condense; 2 Shatter; 4 Ravage; 5 Peremptory; 6 Scorn; 7 Leek; 10 Backbiting; 12 Temerity; 15 Pendant; 16 Affect; 18 Novel; 19 Pier.

Quiz

1. Which German school of design was closed by the Nazis in 1933?
2. Who was Hero's lover?
3. Which ore is the chief source of Uranium?
4. Who wrote the novel Daniel Deronda?
5. Which country's bobsleigh team inspired the film Cool Runnings?
6. Which painter immortalised his native village of Cookham in Berkshire?
7. How is the house plant Chlorophytum elatum better known?
8. On which metallic element does verdigris form?
9. By what name are the Trucial States now known?
10. Who played young attorney Andy Beckett in Philadelphia?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Lord Justice Scott; 2 Blood pressure; 3 Velazquez; 4 St Lawrence; 5 Buckinghamshire; 6 Canada; 7 Barium; 8 Neil Armstrong; 9 Israel; 10 Charles Baudelaire.

Niner: STOCKYARD

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

15534 gives a tree,
62834 gives another tree,
8795 gives a flower.

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Beverly Johnson of JLB International (Shipping) Ltd

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Importing your motor vehicle into Jamaica? Returning residents can import a motor vehicle upto 10 years old once they have owned the said vehicle for a minimum of six months prior to applying for the required import license and have obtained their pre-status clearance from Jamaica Customs Returning Residents Unit.

For non-returnees, the importing license rule has not changed; cars remain no older than five years and pick-ups and van six years.

Clearance

To do this, the returning resident shipping a vehicle over five years old, will now be required to ship their personal and household belongings ahead of their motor vehicle or obtain a pre-status clearance, which the JLB Shipping team will assist customers with.

Remember, never ship your vehicle of any age, without first obtaining an import licences from the authority of the destination countries (i.e Trade Board, Jamaica – see the website at www.tradeboard.gov.jm)

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UTC investment worth £10 million

THE demolition and clearance of the former Sandwell College campus on the High Street and its relocation to the new Central Campus on Spon Lane created a development opportunity for a new purpose built educational facility.

The lead sponsors of the UTC (University Technical Colleges) are the University of Wolverhampton and West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust.

These will work in partnership with a wide range of industry partners to ensure that significant opportunities exist for pupils of the UTC to progress to higher education or employment.

Opening

Planning permission was granted in April 2014 with construction work now underway and a scheduled opening date of September 2015.

The UTC represents £10 million worth of investment in the town, with funding from the Department for Education and will provide 5,390 square metres of educational accommodation for 600 pupils aged between 14 and 19 years old, supported by up to 60 staff.

UTC has a scheduled opening date of September, 2015

The three and four storey building will include teaching and support space, recreation facilities, specialist science laboratories and studios, simulation and skills suits, a mock hospital ward, a fitness gym and a multi-use games area at roof level.

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For yummy mummies everywhere, treat her to a piece from RUCHI, which showcases the latest in ladies fashion.

Treasure

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For Go-Go-Gadget Mum's, Queens Square boasts a selection of phone shops.

The friendly staff at 3-Store, EE and Carphone Warehouse can help you both keep in touch with the latest deals on the must have phones, such as the Apple iPhone 6 and Samsung Galaxy S5. To give your gift the finishing touch, don't forget to pop into Poundland where all gift bags and wrapping paper can be found for just a pound.

Finally, share the magic of the day by putting your feet up together and watching a DVD courtesy of That's Entertainment.

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Treat your mother to something special

Feedback suggests way-finding in West Bromwich can improve

Before – as with many high streets, West Bromwich has seen closures

After – the apperance of empty units can be transformed quite easily

Latest BID to breathe life into town centre

A project to implement a comprehensive marketing and communications campaign aimed at promoting West Bromwich at both a local and national level.

Following consultation to date, over 80% of you have told us that you would like to see an improved town centre events programme to effectively increase footfall into the town centre throughout the year.

The Business Improvement District (BID) will deliver at least 10 events per year, based across all location in the town.

Also, in line with a desire to see further high profile marketing for the town centre, you have told us that you would like to see a regular publication to promote Wes Bromwich, with the opportunity to showcase town centre business and retail. Visit the new website at www.westbromwichtown.co.uk It is now available to all retailers and businesses within the BID area as a free marketing tool for promotions and advertising.

In line with many Business Improvement Districts around the country, a majority of you consulted have expressed a desire to see Town Centre Ambassadors as a permanent fixture in West Bromwich Town Centre. These are high profile roles which will enhance the welcoming presence for those visiting West Bromwich.

In particular, th Ambassadors will improve tourism, especially for those members of the public who have never visited West Bromwich before, as well as those who have never visited the town since considerable regeneration has taken place.

They will improve the overall visitor experience in West Bromwich as well as sustaining 1-2-1 communication with businesses on a regular basis. West Bromwich Ambassadors will also improve town centre safety and security. Their links to security services will allow them to prompt an immediate response. This will enable them to be a visible and consistent presence in the town centre.

Like many high streets up and down the UK, West Bromwich is working hard to deal with the problem of empty units throughout the town centre.

Consultation

Following consultation, we discovered that approximately 80% of you would like to see this dealt with as a priority through Business Improvement District.

The developing BID has already successfully completed the transformation of two units in the town and following a successful YES vote, would continue this project with a view to improving the appearance of empty units throughout all parts of the town centre.

Feedback from the local business community suggests that way-finding in West Bromwich can be improved. Although the Town Centre Ambassadors will help in directing people in the town, consultation has indicated that extra town centre signage would be a welcome addition to the town centre.

Suggestions range from extra 'finger posts' to a new town centre map and interactive screens which also duplicate as an effective advertising and marketing tool.

Following extensive consultation, you told us that you would like to see extra cleaning services over and above those already being provided by the local authority.

This will help change perceptions of the town centre by removing litter and detritus on a more regular basis, responding to business needs throughout the town centre.

Extra cleaning services will improve streets

Heart of the community

COMMUNITY Transport began life in 1964 when Father Bryan Scrivener, and wife Dorothy, from Kings Heath, decided to support their local community by collecting old furniture to help homeless people find and furnish accommodation.

They stored everything in their front room and used his Jeep to transport people and goods around the area. By 1966, demand had risen so sharply that they registered Community Transport as a charity, making it the first known use of the term community transport in the UK.

Community Transport operates in three regions – the West Midlands, North West and North East.

Its services include providing low cost minibus hire to voluntary and community groups, schools and not-for-profit organisations.

Based at Sandwell, Liz Sutton runs the minibus service which has had a successful year. Its dial-a-ride service in South Staffordshire is continually growing and they have also purchased a new 2014 minibus which is the first of two to continue with the growth of passenger transport, ensuring comfortable travel for all they support.

A new 2014 minibus has been purchased by Community Transport

The buses are available for self hire too. Please contact Community Transport for further details.

A record breaking year saw the organisation help 190,000 people reach vital health-checks, appointments and destinations.

"Many people are isolated in their own homes and are unable to access services without Community Transport's 80-strong fleet of accessible minibuses and vans," says its chief executive Jo Beaumont.

"Our Sandwell branch is situated near to Asda in Great Bridge and can easily be accessed by the number 74 bus route from Dudley or West Bromwich.

"Our aim is to supply good quality second hand furniture at affordable prices with free delivery within the Sandwell area.

"We rely on donations from the community and we collect your goods for free, we accept sofas, beds, wardrobes, chest of drawers, electrical items, bric-a-brac, bedding, toys and clothes.

"Any items that you have that are in general good condition we are interested in. Just give us a call and we will arrange a collection that suits you.

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There are five furniture stores in the West Midlands based at West Bromwich, Bilston, Wednesfield, Birmingham and Coventry.

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Thousands of low-income households have been helped in the buying of good-quality furniture and white goods at affordable prices, saving more than 400 tonnes of such items from being dumped in landfill sites.

Services include collecting donated good quality furniture items, selling them on at affordable prices, as well as carrying out house clearances and removals – and providing minibus and other transport-related training.

Community Transport is always looking for placements and volunteers to help it provide the best service it can.

If you feel you could spare a few hours or days to help support the community and gain some valuable experience visit the West Bromwich store or contact Community Transport, at 216 Great Bridge Street, West Bromwich, B70 0DE. Telephone 0121 520 8168.

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Head quarters

Building work should finish soon

The new West Bromwich Building Society head quarters is taking shape at the Providence Place site, with the cladding, glazing, and roof complete.

The new building will accommodate 500 staff, the most up to date technology for a financial services company and stands to add to the revitalisation of West Bromwich. Work started in December

Policing the streets for an improved town

Reducing crime and anti-social behaviour within and around the West Bromwich town centre is a prority.

West Midlands Police are currently working towards a criminal behaviour order for a known shoplifter and street drinker, this will result in them being banned from the town centre and surrounding areas.

Crime Figures for December showed 25 reported shop thefts, of which 22 offenders were formally dealt with.

The West Bromwich Central policing team will continue with their dedicated effort, to ensure that visitors, as well as local residents, have a pleasant and safe experience – Please see below a few useful crime prevention tips from the team. When shopping please be aware of the following:

- keep bags closed, close to you and never leave them unattended or hang them over the back of your chair
- never put wallets in your back pockets or backpacks
- be discreet when using ATMs or handling cash. Don't display large sums of money
- be aware of your surroundings at all times
- if someone bumps into you, make sure your purse or wallet is still in your possession
- don't carry more money than you need

West Bromwich Central Neighbourhood Team can be called on 101 Ext 811 3137. Email westbromcentral@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk In an emergency always dial 999.

For the West Midlands Police website see www.west-midlands.police.uk/

Safety – policing the streets of West Bromwich

Road safety is better through new measures

Work started in autumn 2014 to widen the pavements and improve traffic signals along the High Street to make it safer for pedestrians, reduce accidents, discourage speeding and stop drivers overtaking dangerously.

The work covers the stretch of High Street between Sandwell Road and Lombard Street; and Lombard Street to New Street.

The improvement work is scheduled to complete during summer 2015.

- For more details on subjects covered in Living & shopping in West Bromwich, go online and see the West Bromwich Town Centre website. The address is www.westbromwichtown.co.uk

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An innovative design brings new housing and desirable green spaces

Urban 180 Phase II is due to complete in 2016

The Urban 180 residential led mixed-use scheme between Bull Street, High Street and Overend Streetcontinues.

The £20 million development is already providing West Bromwich town centre with 29 new high quality, private and affordable 2, 3 and 4-bed homes.

The innovative design of the development was recognised with a Built in Quality and Construction Excellence Award for its Sustainability in April 2014.

Development

Phase 2 of the residential development is now underway and will provide 40 new homes and green spaces.

It is anticipated that these homes will be complete by spring 2015.

The former buildings located on the corner of High Street/ Bull Street have now been demolished to make way for a new landmark apartment block featuring community enterprise space on the ground floor.

Work is scheduled to commence from spring 2015 and is anticipated to complete by winter 2016.

Latest facilities will add polish to performances

The academy has a new flexible performance and theatre space

George Salter Academy facilities include a new state of the art dance studio

GEORGE Salter Academy's new build and refurbishment programme will be completed this year, with the first phase of the Post 16 centre refurbishment being ready for the September, 2015 sixth form intake.

In January 2015, the new Performing Arts facilities were completed along with the brand new reception area and double story science block.

The new performing arts facilities include:

- a state of the art dance studio
- three new music suites, two of which are equipped with the latest I-Macs
- A recording studio and adjoining practice room
- three further practice rooms for individual tuition
- A flexible performance and theatre space that can seat up to 500 people, including 200 seat tiered seating

In addition, the new 2-storey science block boasts ten teaching rooms, eight of which are dedicated laboratories and two science "studios".

Each laboratory is equipped with the latest equipment and resources, along with interactive whiteboards and Wi-Fi coverage for mobile devices.

The infrastructure to support these facilities has also been created, with new toilet facilities, a coffee bar area and separate changing areas for the dance and drama areas.

The academy is proud of it's reputation for being a genuine "community "school, and all of the above facilities are available for use outside of the normal academy hours, from 5pm-10pm weeknights and 9am-9pm at weekends.

In addition, the academy is looking to offer the performance and theatre space for one-off events, for example as a venue for conferences and wedding receptions.

The academy is fortunate to have received funding for these significant improvements, and is excited at being able to offer both students and the local community a facility to be proud of.

If you are interested in hiring any of the facilities at George Salter Academy, please contact Ian Lockett, community director, on 0121 5534665. Alternatively contact by email via ian.lockett@georgesalter.com

Sound BID for the area

OVER the next couple of months, West Bromwich Town Centre will be developed into a Business Improvement District (BID), potentially generating an extra £1.25m to improve and regenerate the town centre over the next five years.

BIDs are business-led partnerships that generate significant income through a small extra contribution from local businesses, and deliver specific additional projects in a defined area.

The detailed content of the BID is developed in consultation with local businesses, and tailored to the needs of the business community.

All retailers and businesses in the core town centre area will be consulted over the next couple of weeks.

Benefits of a Business Improvement District include:

- businesses have control over the improvement and enhanced services they want to see in West Bromwich town centre.
- all businesses will be represented and have a stronger voice in issues that affect West Bromwich.
- increased footfall – through inward investment and a successful events calendar, consumers from outside of the area will have cause to visit West Bromwich.
- the profile of West Bromwich will be raised further afield through marketing campaigns.
- stakeholders in both the private and public sectors will work together in partnership.

The West Bromwich proposed BID area will include the core area of the town centre, including all of the following streets and areas:

Kings Square Shopping Centre
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Astle Retail Park
New Square Shopping Centre
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Bull Street
High Street
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- Morning or afternoon drop in sessions full day care sessions are provided for older people with dependent or personal care needs, those with very poor mobility and/or have been assessed by Social Services and offered a personal budget.

This costs £26.49 per day with a subscription charge of £7 per day for activities, transport and meals. Half day drop in sessions are also available to any older person who wishes to attend social activities and make new friends. This costs £6 per day for activities and meals. Taster sessions available – please call Sue Bishop Care Activity Coordinator on 0121 525 2499 to arrange your place.

Volunteering with Age UK Day Care

We are always looking for people who can help us at our Day Centre, making cups of tea, helping out in the kitchen or running an activity session.

Our volunteers receive FREE training in care work, so if you would like to apply please contact Abi O'Toole on 0121 500 1860.

Age UK is always looking for people who can help at its day centre

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'Vine dining' at award-winner

THE indoor barbecue at The Vine on Roebuck Lane, West Bromwich used to be called the Midland's 'best-kept secret'.

But, having won the title of National Curry Pub of the Year for the second year running, it's fair to assume the secret's out.

The Roebuck Street pub and eatery was honoured again by the organisers of National Curry Week in November 2014 – much to the delight of owners Suki and Bhanu Patel, who have been running the well-loved pub for almost 40 years along with their children Bharat and Hema. The Vine has had a facelift and has under-gone a great deal of change over the last couple of years, with refurbishment work in the barbecue room and conservatory, followed by a facelift for the bar, front rooms and toilets bringing a fresh new-look throughout.

But the real secret of The Vine's success is the food. From its famous chicken tikka and clay-pot dishes to an extensive range of curries, this is dining on a different level. Choose something sizzling hot from the barbecue, or design a curry, your way – choose a favourite sauce and ingredients, and have them served just as you like them with your choice of sides and accompaniments.

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3 Bedroom Semi Detached Property
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3 Bedroom Mid Terraced Property
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3 Bedroom Link Detached Property
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53 Prosser Street, Wolverhampton
2 Bedroom Mid Terraced Property
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174 Appleton Grove, Great Barr
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OLDBURY, Goodwyn Avenue
A delightfully presented, spacious, considerably improved, 3 bedroomed semi detached property occupying a pleasnt cul-de-sac position within this popular neighbourhood, having gas radiator heating, double glazing and comprising :- Porch, entrance hall, delightful lounge, separate dining room, attractive conservatory, super re-fitted kitchen (with integrated fridge/freezer), rear vestibule area, side passage/utility, 3 good sized bedrooms, bathroom, drive providing off road parking, garage/useful store and pleasant rear garden. VIEWING ESSENTIAL. EPC D. BEARWOOD OFFICE

Offers in the Region Of £192,500

OLDBURY, Elm Croft
Deceptive, well proportioned, 3 bedroomed semi detached property conveniently situated within this popular neighbourhood, having majority double glazing, gas radiator heating, and comprising :- Entrance hall, spacious through lounge/dining area, breakfast kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, garage/useful store and rear garden. VIEWING ESSENTIAL. EPC E. BEARWOOD OFFICE

Offers in the Region Of £149,950

OLDBURY, Sycamore Road
A chance to acquire an attractive 3 bedroomed traditional style semi detached property occupying a pleasant cul-de-sac position, convenient for local shopping facilities, having gas radiator heating, double glazing and comprising :- Entrance vestibule, attractive lounge, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking and pleasant rear garden. MUST BE VIEWED. EPC E. BEARWOOD OFFICE

Offers in the Region Of £119,950

BEARWOOD, Upper St Marys Road
A spacious, well presented 2 bed mid terraced property set within this popular neighbourhood, convenient for Bearwood Town Centre and Warley Woods, having gas radiator heating, double glazing, and comprising :- Entrance hall, Lounge, separate dining room, fitted kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, re-fitted shower room, and pleasant rear garden. VIEWING ESSENTIAL. EPC D. BEARWOOD OFFICE.

Offers around £159,950

WARLEY WOODS AREA, OLDBURY, Warley Croft
An extremely spacious, delightfully presented and considerably improved 4 BEDROOMED extended semi detached property occupying a pleasant cul-de-sac position within this popular neighbourhood, convenient for Warley Woods/Golf course, having gas radiator heating, double glazing and comprising :- Porch, delightful lounge, separate sitting room, super re-fitted kitchen (with integrated appliances), Dining area, utility, downstairs w.c, 4 good sized bedrooms (master having range of fitted furniture and superb EN-SUITE BATHROOM), attractive house bathroom, garage and pleasant rear garden. EPC D. BEARWOOD OFFICE

Offers in the Region Of £329,500

EDGBASTON, Portland Road
DELIGHTFULLY PRESENTED and thoughtfully improved, DOUBLE BEDROOMED first floor flat with pleasant outlook to the rear, CONVENIENT FOR BIRMINGHAM CITY CENTRE, having gas radiator heating, approached via a communal Entrance/ Stairs/Landing and comprising :- Delightful spacious Lounge/ Dining area, inner hall, super re-fitted kitchen (with integrated appliances), Double bedroom, and re-fitted shower room. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC D. BEARWOOD OFFICE

No upward chain **Offers around £124,950**

SMETHWICK, Richmond Road
A spacious, well presented, 3 bed mid terraced property, convenient for local shopping facilities, having gas radiator heating, double glazing and comprising :- Entrance vestibule, delightful through lounge/dining area, inner hall, attractive kitchen, downstairs bathroom, 2 double bedrooms, bed 3/study (with w.c off), and pleasant rear garden. MUST BE VIEWED. EPC E. BEARWOOD OFFICE.

Offers around £119,950

SMETHWICK, St. Albans Road
A chance to acquire a deceptively spacious, 2 bedroomed intermediate terraced property conveniently situated for local shopping facilities, having gas radiator heating, double glazing and comprising :- Front reception room, rear reception room, inner hall, kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, spacious upstairs bathroom, and rear garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. VIEWING ESSENTIAL. EPC E. BEARWOOD OFFICE

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Bartleet Road, Smethwick £228,950

A well maintained detached house with gas central heating and double glazing where specified and comprising: lounge, dining room, kitchen, cloakroom, three bedrooms, upstairs family bathroom, driveway, garage and gardens to rear. EPC: D

Norton Street, Birmingham £110,000

A semi detached property having gas central heating and double glazing where specified and comprising: entrance porch, lounge, kitchen/dining room, two bedrooms, family bathroom, gardens to rear and off-road parking. EPC: D

South Road, Smethwick £90,000

A spacious apartment located on the top floor of a well converted period property, having gas central heating and double glazing where specified and comprising: lounge/ diner, kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom. Outside: residents parking, communal grounds. EPC: D

Capethorn Road, Smethwick £120,000

A mid terraced property with gas central heating and double glazing where specified and comprising: lounge, dining room, kitchen, downstairs family bathroom, three bedrooms and gardens to rear. Ideal first time buy. EPC: D

St Augustine Road, Edgbaston £125,000

A second storey apartment overlooking St Augustine's Church having double glazing and central heating where specified and comprising: entrance hall, open plan lounge/kitchen, two bedrooms, shower room and master en-suite. No upward chain. EPC: C

Millpool Way, Smethwick £82,500

A semi detached bungalow in a popular warden control development, having gas central heating and double glazing where specified and comprising:entrance porch, open plan lounge/kitchen, two bedrooms and shower room. EPC: C

Brixham Road, Birmingham £99,875

A WELL MAINTAINED two bedroom mid terraced property having gas central heating and double glazing where specified and comprising: lounge, dining room, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, two bedrooms and gardens to rear. IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY. EPC: E

Southfield Avenue, Edgbaston £93,000

A mid terraced property, WORTHY OF FIRST TIME BUY, having gas central heating and double glazing where specified and comprising: lounge, dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms, upstairs family bathroom and garden to rear. No upward chain. EPC: E

Dibble Road, Smethwick £85,000

A mid terraced property in need of modernisation. With gas central heating where specified and comprising: porch, lounge, dining room, kitchen, toilet, bathroom, three bedrooms and gardens to front and rear. EPC: TBA

Ashbourne Road, Edgbaston £85,000

A mid terraced property in need of modernisation, having gas central heating and double glazing where specified and comprising: lounge, dining room, kitchen, upstairs bathroom, three bedrooms and gardens to rear. EPC: D

Birch Road, Oldbury £165,000

Adouble fronted property with no upward chain, having gas central heating and double glazing where specified and comprising: entrance lobby, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility area, cloakroom, three bedrooms, bathroom, parking and rear garden. EPC: F

Oldbury 70/76 Birmingham Street Birmingham B69 4EB

Portway Road, Rowley Regis £225,000

EPC RATING AWAITED - An IMMACULATE four bedroom detached property in a CUL-DE-SAC location with a SOUTH facing garden. VIEWING IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED for this ideal family home.

Church Square, Oldbury £184,950

EPC RATING E - A GRADE 2 LISTED detached four bedroom property in need of MODERNISATION previously tenanted and ideal INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY. Viewing is highly recommended.

Silverlands Avenue, Oldbury £154,950

EPC RATING D - ●SOUGHT AFTER CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION● A traditional three bedroom semi detached property requiring some modernisation with two reception rooms and DOUBLE GARAGE. Double glazing and central heating where specified. VIEWING IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Elm Croft, Oldbury £149,950

EPC RATING E - ●SOUGHT AFTER CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION● An extended three bedroom traditional semi detached property with off road parking, garage and kitchen/diner. Double glazing and central heating where specified. VIEWING IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

St James Road, Oldbury £139,950

EPC RATING AWAITED - A larger than average extended semi detached house comprising of entrance hall, extended kitchen, breakfast room, two reception rooms, three bedrooms and bathroom. ●VIEWING IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO APPRECIATE THE SIZE OF ACCOMMODATION ON OFFER●

Grosvenor Road, Oldbury £124,950

EPC RATING D - FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY for those looking to downsize. A two bedroom semi detached bungalow with off road parking in CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION requiring some modernisation. ●VIEWING IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED●

Bristnall Hall Crescent, Oldbury £119,950

EPC RATING E - ●NO UPWARD CHAIN● A traditional three bedroom semi detached property comprising of two reception rooms, kitchen, guest w.c and family bathroom. Double glazing and central heating where specified.

Sycamore Road, Oldbury £119,950

EPC RATING E - ●IDEAL FIRST TIME BUYER PROPERTY● A traditional semi detached in CUL-DE-SAC location comprising of three bedrooms, two reception rooms and off road parking. Double glazing and central heating where specified. VIEWING IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Dingle Street, Oldbury £109,950

EPC RATING G - ●NO UPWARD CHAIN● A three bedroom semi detached property IN NEED OF MODERNISATION and comprises of lounge, kitchen/diner, family bathroom, off road parking to front and garage to rear. IDEAL INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY. Double glazing and central heating where specified.

Waterside Court, Titford, Oldbury £99,500

EPC RATING B - A GROUND FLOOR modern style two bedroomed apartment set within a electronic gated entrance and comprises of two bedrooms, lounge through to kitchen, bathroom. Double glazing and electric heating where specified. ●NO UPWARD CHAIN●

Waterside Court, Titford, Oldbury £79,950

EPC RATING C - ●NO UPWARD CHAIN● A ground floor flat ideal for first time buyer or investment. Open plan living area with kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, allocated parking. Double glazing and central heating where specified. ●VIEWING IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED●

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Holyhead Road, Wednesbury £59,950

A one bedroom ground floor apartment close to Wednesbury town centre comprises of, one bedroom, kitchen, bathroom, lounge, double glazing and electric heating (as specified) allocated parking space. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC rating C.

Walsall Road, Wednesbury £69,950

BENEFITING FROM NO UPWARD CHAIN this traditional style two bedroom mid-terrace property briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, ground floor bathroom, loft room and rear garden. EPC Rating E.

Thunderbolt Way, Tipton £82,950

VIEWING ESSENTIAL to appreciate this well presented modern style two bedroom first floor apartment in a cul-de-sac location briefly comprising of, secure intercom entry system, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, fitted bathroom and allocated parking space. EPC Rating B.

Brunswick Park Road, Wednesbury £85,000

A traditional two bedroom mid-terrace property benefits from, two reception rooms, kitchen, utility area, bathroom, stairs to loft area. No upward chain. EPC rating D.

Newells Drive, Tipton £114,950

A modern style three bedroom semi-detached property situated in a cul-de-sac location briefly comprising of, porch, lounge, kitchen/diner, bathroom, central heating and double glazing (as specified) off road parking to the front and side. EPC rating TBA.

Holly Road, Wednesbury £120,000

An excellent opportunity to acquire this well presented and much improved two bedroom semi-detached property in a cul-de-sac location comprising lounge, fitted kitchen/diner, conservatory, first floor shower room, enclosed rear garden and drive-way providing off road parking. EPC Rating D.

Hazel Avenue, Wednesbury £120,000

VIEWING ESSENTIAL to appreciate this beautifully presented two bedroom semi-detached property in a cul-de-sac location comprising of, reception hall, lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen, first floor shower room, enclosed rear garden, drive-way providing off road parking. EPC Rating E.

Europa Avenue, West Bromwich £285,000

A much improved and massively extended 4 bedroom detached property in the Sandwell Valley area of West Bromwich, comprising of 2 large reception rooms, large kitchen/diner, 3 bathrooms, double glazing, central heating (where specified), double garage,rear garden and off road parking. EPC RATING C

Bromford Lane, West Bromwich £114,995

A SPACIOUS 3 BEDROOM mid terrace house in the heart of West Bromwich. The property has great links to bus and metro routes into Birmingham, Wolverhampton and the local area, as well as the M5 and M6 national motorway network. Having 2 RECEPTION ROOMS, downstairs bathroom, double glazing and central heating (where specified)

Hargate Lane, West Bromwich £130,000

A well presented 3 bedroom end terrace property located close to Sandwell Hospital and West Bromwich town centre, offering 2 reception rooms, kitchen/diner, cellar, upstairs family bathroom, double glazing, central heating (where specified) garage and rear entrance. EPC RATING E

Wolseley Road, West Bromwich £79,950

A 3 bedroom mid terrace property, offering 2 reception rooms, fitted kitchen. family bathroom, double glazing, central heating (where specified), rear garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC RATING C

Ash Road, Wednesbury £125,000

VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED on this three bedroom semi-detached property briefly comprising of, part uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) entrance hall, fitted breakfast kitchen, lounge, first floor bathroom, enclosed rear garden. EPC Rating C.

Hawthorn Road, Wednesbury £128,000

VIEWING ESSENTIAL to appreciate this three bedroom semi-detached property BENEFITING FROM NO UPWARD CHAIN briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) lounge, kitchen, fitted bathroom, enclosed rear garden and off road parking. EPC Rating C.

Stanbury Avenue, Wednesbury £150,000

EARLY INSPECTION ADVISED to appreciate this beautifully presented extended four bedroom semi-detached property briefly comprising of reception hall, through lounge, guest cloakroom, fitted breakfast kitchen, first floor family bathroom, front and rear gardens, garage and off road parking. EPC Rating D.

Knowles Street, Wednesbury £190,000

EARLY INSPECTION ADVISED to appreciate this well presented three bedroom detached property briefly comprising of open plan lounge with dining area, fitted kitchen, en-suite to master bedroom, first floor family bathroom, enclosed rear garden, garage and off road parking. EPC Rating D.

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West Bromwich £99,950
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Connells Estate Agents are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £99,950 for Church Vale Mews. Anyone wishing to place an offer on the property should contact Connells Estate Agents, 3 Astle Park, West Bromwich B70 8NS on 0121 525 1177 prior to exchange of contracts.

Tame Street, West Bromwich £134,950

A modern 3 bedroom semi detached property, briefly comprising of downstairs cloakroom, kitchen, garage, through lounge, en-suite to master bedroom, family bathroom, central heating and double glazing (where specified), off road parking, garage. EPC RATING C

Graham Road, West Bromwich £109,500

A THREE BEDROOM semi detached property situated in CUL-DE_SAC location in close proximity to West Bromwich town centre and Sandwell Hospital. Property comprises TWO RECEPTION ROOMS, kitchen, family bathroom, GARAGE, gas central heating and double glazing (both where specified), NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC

Heronville Road, West Bromwich £119,950

A 4 bedroom mid terrace property in the Hill Top area of West Bromwich, open to cash buyers only, comprising of no upward chain,2 reception rooms, downstairs wet room, upstairs family bathroom, double glazing central heating (where specified), off road parking. EPC RATING D

Vowles Road, West Bromwich £149,950

A beautifully presented and well maintained modern 3 bedroom end terrace property , offering lounge, fitted kitchen/diner, guest WC, family bathroom, en-suite to master bedroom, double glazing, central heating (where specified),off road parking and NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC RATING C

Stour Street, West Bromwich £117,999

NO UPWARD CHAIN. Spacious 3 bedroom semi detached property, 2 reception rooms, extended kitchen, family bathroom, double glazing, central heating (where specified), off road parking. EPC RATING D

Stanley Road, West Bromwich £124,950

A traditional 3 bedroom semi detached property close to local amenities and Sandwell Hospital, offering double glazing central heating (where specified),2 reception rooms, kitchen, bathroom, conservatory, off road parking. EPC RATING E

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OIR of £199,950

Goldby Drive, Wednesbury
- Detached House
- Extended
- Garage
- Double Glazing
- Guest Cloakroom
- Three Bedrooms

£189,950

Brookfield Way, Tipton
- DETACHED PROPERTY
- AMPLY OFF ROAD PARKING
- THREE RECEPTION ROOMS
- FOUR BEDROOMS
- REAR GARDEN
- OFFICE AREA

OIR of £187,500

Thetford Close, Tipton
- 3 Bedrooms
- Detached
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Kitchen / Diner
- Conservatory
- Car Port

OIR of £180,000

Woden Road East, Wednesbury
- Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- FULLY REFURBISHED
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Family Bathroom

£150,000

Hall Green Road, West Bromwich
- TERRACED PROPERTY
- THREE BEDROOMS
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- KITCHEN
- GARAGE

OIR of £140,000

Melstock Close, Tipton
- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Porch
- Off Road Parking

£139,995

Pitchwood Close, Wednesbury
- SEMI-DETACHED
- THREE BEDROOM
- EN SUITE TO MASTER
- MODERN THROUGHOUT
- FITTED KITCHEN/DINER
- GROUND FLOOR W.C

OIR of £135,000

Shelton Close, Wednesbury
- Three Bedroom Detached House
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Garage
- Block Paved Off Road Parking
- Through Lounge/Dinner

OIR Of £129,950

Old Park Road, Wednesbury
- Terraced
- Four Bedrooms
- Open Plan Lounge Diner
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Downstairs WC
- Family Bathroom

OIR Of £128,000

Wills Avenue, West Bromwich
- END TERRACED PROPERTY
- THREE BEDROOMS
- ONE RECEPTION ROOM
- GARAGE
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- DOWNSTAIRS W.C.

OIR of £120,000

Lewis Grove, Wolverhampton
- SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
- TWO BEDROOMS
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- LARGE REAR GARDEN
- GARAGE
- FAMILY BATHROOM

£120,000

Horseley Heath, Tipton
- Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Off Road Parking

OIR of £119,000

Tame Street, West Bromwich
- Mid Terrace House
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Downstairs WC
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Private Parking

Offers in excess of £120,000

Church Lane, West Bromwich
- Semi Detached
- Double Glazing
- Driveway
- Family Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- Three Bedrooms

£119,950

Cobham Road, Wednesbury
- SEMI DETACHED
- THREE BEDROOMS
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- FITTED KITCHEN
- OPEN PLAN LOUNGE/DINER
- TWO BEDROOMS
- BATHROOM

OIR of £100,000

Wiley Avenue, Wednesbury

- SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY
- THREE BEDROOMS
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- KITCHEN
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- REAR GARDEN

Offers in Excess of £100,000

Toll End Road, Tipton

- Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Well Maintained
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Rear Garden
- Viewing Advised

OIR of £99,950

Oak Lane, West Bromwich

- Terraced House
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden

OIR of £90,000

Queen Street, Wednesbury

- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden

Offers in Excess of £90,000

Willingsworth Road, Wednesfield

- Mid Terrace
- Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- Four Bedrooms

£89,950

Mark Road, Wednesbury

- TERRACED PROPERTY
- THREE BEDROOMS
- KITCHEN
- DOWNSTAIRS BATHROOM
- UPSTAIRS SHOWER ROOM
- OFF ROAD PARKING

Offers in Excess of £88,000

Damson Wharf, Tipton

- Three Bedroom Three Storey
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Downstairs WC
- Family Bathroom
- Double Glazing and Gas Central Heating
- Off Road Parking
- Will Bring £560 PCM & Ideal Investment

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Holyhead Road, Wednesbury

- UPPER FLOOR FLAT
- TWO BEDROOMS
- ENSUITE
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- LOUNGE
- KITCHEN

OIR of £87,950

Holyhead Road, Wednesbury

- UPPER FLOOR FLAT
- ENTRANCE HALLWAY
- TWO BEDROOMS
- EN-SUITE TO MASTER
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- LOUNGE/DINER
- FITTED KITCHEN
- STORAGE

OIR of £87,500

Dingley Road, Wednesbury

- Semi Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Priced To Sell
- Fitted Kitchen
- No Chain
- Three Bedrooms

£86,950

Herberts Park Road, Wednesbury

- TWO BEDROOMS
- TERRACED HOUSE
- SPACIOUS LOUNGE
- RE STYLED KITCHEN
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- REAR GARDEN

OIR of £85,000

Booth Street, Wednesbury

- TERRACED PROPERTY
- ONE RECEPTION ROOM
- TWO BEDROOMS
- FULLY FITTED KITCHEN
- REAR GARDEN
- SECURE REAR PARKING

Offers in Excess of £84,000

Dangerfield Lane, Wednesbury

- Semi Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Double Glazing
- Fitted Kitchen
- No Chain
- Three Bedrooms

£79,950

Bagnalls Wharf, Wednesbury

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- Perfect For First Time Buyers
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Goodchilds has evolved from a family-run investment company into a successful lettings agency with six offices. They are quick to rent their stock and are rightly proud of their Let By presence in the area. This is a team which looks at the lettings market through the eyes of the landlord and really delivers what's promised.

GOLD - BEST ESTATE AGENCY FRANCHISE 2009

Goodchilds set itself up as a franchise operation from day one and it shows. Their systems and processes are second to none and as a result the growth of the business has been built on a solid foundation but not at the cost of initiative and individuality of the company. Growth is controlled through a combination of thorough vetting procedures for potential franchisees and strong support for franchisees. All franchises are visited once a week and there is real emphasis on measuring activity and productivity to ensure transparency through all areas of the business however there is a good balance between autonomy from the central office and control for the franchisees. Strong on their brand values, Goodchilds manages to successfully marry this with flexibility for their franchisees. Not a business in a box - Goodchilds is a fantastic example of how to do it right and their gold award is well deserved.

SILVER - BEST ESTATE AGENCY FRANCHISE 2010

Goodchilds cares about its business and the overriding aim is to provide a platform for franchisees to launch successfully then to work together to build a business according to franchisees aspirations. The strength of the systems and processes behind the scenes is commendable and really illustrates that Goodchilds has been a franchise operation from day one. Autonomy is key and branches show a degree of individuality whilst maintaining the branding and high standards set out by the parent company. Franchisees are offered excellent networking opportunities and the chance to learn and share with each other, a culture singled out by the judges as commendable, also commenting that the commitment, innovation and care demonstrated by Goodchilds was a pleasure to judge.

BRONZE - BEST CUSTOMER SERVICE 2011

Rather than cutting costs, the Goodchilds team took the decision to actively seek new business. Thorough training programmes educated the entire team about the economic problems with higher incentives and improved feedback introduced to really motivate everyone to get results. This approach worked as the staff followed their instincts to increase their fees, produce better quality work and used their initiative to support their clients. Involvement in their local community has also served to build team morale and build their brand and ethics among potential new clients.

GOLD - BEST MEDIUM MIDLANDS LETTINGS AGENCY 2012

Judges agreed that Goodchilds was highly deserving of this award. The panel was impressed with the agency's focus on technology. The team demonstrates high levels of customer service, which is maintained through the provision of internal and external trainers. Within 12 months' employment with the agency, new-starters are required to pass an industry-approved qualification. The agency currently retains 98% of landlord clients, with judges commending its solid business systems and processes, which they agreed made Goodchilds worthy of this award win.

SILVER - BEST MEDIUM MIDLANDS ESTATE AGENCY 2013

This is an enthusiastic agency focusing closely on customer service feedback, to the extent that it has streamlined the response mechanisms for ease of measuring reactions and implementing improvements. The clear and defined KPIs help the team with responsibility as everyone knows their role and what is expected of them. The inclusive culture is based around family values and this is imparted to customers as well. Training is bespoke and tailored to an individual so any weaker areas can be addressed and remedied immediately. The back office systems are strong and keep the directors fully aware of everything, with automated emails sent according to the customer's file and status being updated as it should be i.e. following viewing feedback. The directors want their business to be exceptional, and without exception the entire team is excellent at listening and communicating with clients.

LATEST AWARDS FROM 2014:

SILVER - BEST MEDIUM MIDLANDS ESTATE AGENCY 2014

Goodchilds understands the importance of delivering on a promise, and accept there will be consequences if it fails to meet this standard. It is this attitude that led to the design and implementation of the 43 day challenge. Vendors can expect regular updates via their dedicated sales progressor and the customer charter sets out the level of service they will receive - this is given to them upon instruction and followed through the entire process. The directors also take an innovative approach to their staff so they operate a standard contract but also ask new recruits what they personally value from employers and tailor the benefits and rewards accordingly. Although the market is improving, Goodchilds is seeking to maintain the exemplary standards it adhered to when the market was tough; this attitude should be commended.

SILVER - LARGE CUSTOMER SERVICE 2014

As a franchise operation, the standards were outstanding. The directors at this family run firm understand the importance of customer perception and there are a number of systems and processes in place to ensure consistency of standards across the entire operation. There were a number of examples where they have prioritised the customer experience over their profit margin, so they enjoy high levels of repeat and referral business due to this long term view. The Goodchilds team wants to do their part to improve the standards and perception of estate agents and they have built their business on a strong foundation of honesty and trust with a reputation in their area for straight talking. The directors' knowledge is exemplary and this is filtered down to the rest of the team. Customers using Goodchilds can feel assured that they're in good hands.

GOLD - BEST MEDIUM MIDLANDS LETTINGS AGENCY 2014

Goodchilds is all about service and control of experience. It offers a 100% no quibble rent guarantee scheme included within the fees so if a tenant goes over 14 days in arrears, Goodchilds pays the landlord directly then seeks to recover the costs in its own time saving the landlord time and hassle. This also allows the team to spot early warning signs with tenants and means they can work with them to exit the tenancy and take something more affordable if necessary. They work hard to imbue confidence; another great idea is the "Be a Good Neighbour" initiative whereby if a property goes up for letting, they contact the neighbours around the property in order to keep them informed and onside with the new tenants. The directors recruit staff and franchisees who want a career as opposed to a job and offer flexibility and reward, recently enabling a young employee to become a franchise owner rather than lose them to the competition.

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Jasmine Way, Wednesbury
- Three Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Integral Garage
- Two Reception Rooms
- Utility and Downstairs WC
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

Monthly Rental Of £600

Woden Road North, Wednesbury
- Three Bedrooms Semi Detached House
- Located Near A School
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Off Road Rear Parking
- SORRY NO DHSS

Monthly Rental Of £600

Mill Street, Wednesbury
- Three Bedroom Mid Terrace House
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Open Fires in kitchen and Living Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- SORRY NO DHSS

Monthly Rental Of £475

Bloomfield Road, Tipton
- Two Bedroom Dormer Bungalow
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- DHSS CONSIDERED

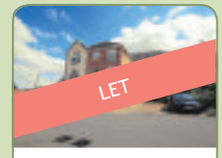
Monthly Rental Of £450

Dorsett Road, Wednesbury
- Three Bedroom Mid Terrace House
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Open Fires in kitchen and Living Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- SORRY NO DHSS

Monthly Rental Of £450

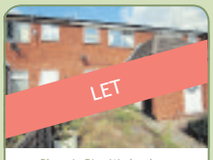
Oberon Grove, Wednesbury
- One Bedroom First Floor Apartment
- Fully Furnished
- Allocated Parking
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- SORRY NO DHSS

Monthly Rental Of £450



The Avenue, Wednesbury
- Two Bedrooms First Floor Apartment
- Double Glazing
- Electric Heating
- Fitted Kitchen
- Allocated Parking
- SORRY NO DHSS

Monthly Rental Of £450



Phoenix Rise, Wednesbury
- Two Bedroom Ground Floor Flat
- Double Glazing
- Family Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- MUST SEE!
- DHSS ACCEPTED

Monthly Rental Of £350

Knowles Street, Wednesbury
- Three Bedrooms Detached
- Large Rear Garden
- Garage Conversion
- Downstairs WC
- Off Road Parking
- SORRY NO DHSS

Monthly Rental Of £650

Walsall Street, Wednesbury
- One Bedroom First Floor Apartment
- Electric Heating
- Off Road Parking
- Double Glazing
- Secured Accses
- SORRY NO DHSS

Monthly Rental Of £415

Vauxhall Road, Birmingham
- ONE BEDROOM FLAT
- GROUND FLOOR
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- SPACIOUS LOUNGE
- BATHROOM
- KITCHEN

Monthly Rental Of £450

Carver Court, Tipton
- First Floor One Bedroom Flat
- Off Road Parking To Rear
- Electric Heater
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- SORRY NO DHSS

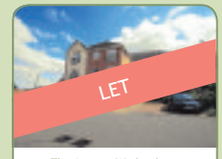
Monthly Rental Of £350

Broadwaters Road, Wednesbury
- Three Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Off Road Parking
- Large Rear Garden
- SORRY NO DHSS

Monthly Rental Of £550

King Street, Bilston
- Two Bedroomed Upper Floor Flat
- Spacious Throughout
- Modern Kitchen and Bathrooms
- Popular Location
- DHSS Considered
- Call Today!

Monthly Rental Of £375



The Avenue, Wednesbury
- Two Bedrooms Second Floor Apartment
- Double Glazing
- Juliet Balcony
- Fitted Kitchen
- Electric Heating
- SORRY NO DHSS

Monthly Rental Of £450

Elwell Street, Wednesbury
- First Floor One Bedroom Maisonette
- Double Glazing
- Gas central Heating
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Perfect First Home
- SORRY NO DHSS

Monthly Rental Of £375

Princess Way, Wednesbury
- Two bedroom terraced property
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Cul-de-sac area
- Communal Parking
- SORRY NO DHSS

Monthly Rental Of £495

Warren Close, Tipton
- One Bedroom first Maisonette
- Double Glazing
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Perfect First Home
- SORRY NO DHSS

Monthly Rental Of £325

Harvills Hawthorn, West Midlands
- Three Bedrooms Semi Detached House
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Off Road Parking
- Fitted Kitchen
- DHSS ACCEPTED

Monthly Rental Of £450

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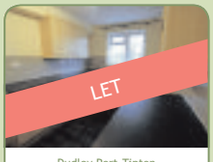
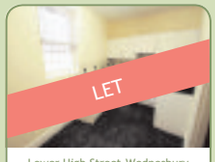


Dudley Port, Tipton
- One Bedroom Flat
- Double Glazing
- Central Location
- Gas central Heating
- Off Road Parking
- SORRY NO DHSS

Monthly Rental Of £375

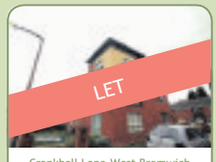
Warren Close, Tipton
- Two Bedroom Maisonete
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Off Street Parking
- Fully Furnished
- SORRY NO DHSS

Monthly Rental Of £395



Lower High Street, Wednesbury
- Three Bedroom Flat
- Double Glazing
- Electric Heating
- Off Road Parking
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- SORRY NO DHSS

Monthly Rental Of £425



Crankhall Lane, West Bromwich
- One Bedroom Second Floor Apartment
- Juliet Balcony
- Double Glazing
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Electric Heating
- SORRY NO DHSS

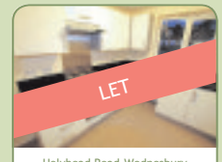
Monthly Rental Of £425

Myvod Road, Wednesbury
- One Bedrooms Ground Floor Apartment
- Electric Heating
- Double Glazing
- Off Road Parking
- Newly Refurbished
- SORRY NO DHSS

Monthly Rental Of £450

Great Barr, West Midlands
- Two Bedroom Maisonate
- Fitted Kitchen
- Rear Garden
- Lounge
- Gas Central Heating
- SORRY NO DHHSS

£450



Holyhead Road, Wednesbury
- Ground Floor One Bedroom Apartment
- Double Glazing
- Electric Heating
- Allocated Parking
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- SORRY NO DHSS

Monthly Rental Of £450

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Freehold double glazed & centrally heated terraced.....£85 – 90,000

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Freehold centrally heated 3 bedroomed terraced, in need of improvement .....£65 - 70,000

13 JACMAR CRESCENT, SMETHWICK B67 7LF
Freehold traditional 3 bedroomed centrally heated semi, with garage .....£110 – 120,000

4 BROOK ROAD, OLDBURY B68 8AA
Freehold 3 bedroomed semi-detached needing full improvement..... £circa. 70,000

159 STONY LANE, SMETHWICK B67 7BA
Freehold 3 bedroomed centrally heated semi-detached .....£95 – 100,000

58 CORNWALL AVENUE, OLDBURY B68 0SW
Freehold 3 bedroomed mid-town house with double glazing, in need of modernisation .....£75 – 80,000

98 RATHBONE ROAD, BEARWOOD B67 5JF
Freehold centrally heated and double glazed 3 bedroomed semi-detached in need of upgrading .....£90 – 100,000

43 DURBAN ROAD, SMETHWICK B66 3SH
Freehold 2 bedroomed terrace in need of complete refurbishment...£ circa. 65,000

NEW

28 KENELM ROAD OLDBURY
- Deceptively spacious town house
- Gas centrally heated
- Virtually PVC double glazed throughout
- Four bedrooms and fully tiled bathroom
- Spacious lounge, kitchen and dining room
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Off-street parking
- AN IDEAL FAMILY HOME
- INTERNAL INSPECTION TO BE APPRECIATED
- ENERGY RATING : C

OFFERS BASED ON £124,950
VIEWINGS BEARWOOD OFFICE

NEW

58 THE HORSESHOE OLDBURY
- Freehold corner semi-detached property
- Gas centrally heated & PVC double glazed
- Three bedrooms and refitted bathroom
- Spacious lounge and kitchen/breakfast room
- Gardens to front and rear with outside W.C.
- Off-street parking for one/two cars
- An ideal family home
- INTERNAL INSPECTION TO BE APPRECIATED
- ENERGY RATING : D

OFFERS BASED ON £129,950
VIEWINGS BEARWOOD OFFICE

32 BRANDHALL COURT, OLDBURY
- Well presented ground floor flat
- PVC double glazed and well heated
- Gated development
- Superb through lounge/dining room
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted kitchen and bathroom
- Garage and communal gardens
- FULL INTERNAL INSPECTION TO BE APPRECIATED
- ENERGY RATING : E

OFFERS BASED ON £84,950
Viewing: Bearwood Office

6 PERRY COURT OLDBURY
- Ground floor warden controlled flat
- Two bedroom, shower room, lounge & kitchen
- Well heated throughout
- Allocated & visitors parking
- Communal gardens
- Easy access surrounding areas
- Neighbourhood shopping centre
- ENERGY RATING : C

PURCHASE PRICE £65,000
VIEWINGS BEARWOOD OFFICE

2 PERRY COURT OLDBURY
- Ground floor warden controlled flat
- Two bedrooms and shower/wet room
- Lounge and kitchen
- Well heated throughout
- Allocated & visitors parking
- Communal gardens
- Neighbourhood shopping centre
- ENERGY RATING : C

PURCHASE PRICE £70,000
VIEWINGS BEARWOOD OFFICE

5 CLARENDON ROAD, SMETHWICK

- Well presented
- Two double bedrooms
- Two living rooms
- Gas centrally heated
- PVC double glazed
- NO CHAIN
- EPC : E
- INSPECTION ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL

OFFERS BASED ON £99,950
Viewings Bearwood Office

7 CLARENCE COURT, OLDBURY
- Quiet cul-de-sac
- Gas centrally heated
- Three bedrooms
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Conservatory
- Off-street parking
- An ideal family home
- ENERGY RATING : D

OFFERS BASED ON £144,950
Viewings Bearwood Office

5 LOUIS COURT, SOUTH ROAD,
- Ground/first floor maisonette
- Part double glazed
- Electric storage heating
- Two bedrooms
- In need of refurbishment
- EPC : D

OFFERS BASED ON £52,000
Viewing Bearwood Office

1 HEATH GREEN GROVE,

- End terraced property
- Extremely convenient location
- Freehold & Chain Free
- Three bedrooms
- Two living rooms, kitchen, bathroom & small garden
- Centrally heated and double glazed
- IN NEED OF RENOVATION
- ENERGY RATING : E

OFFERS BASED ON £75,000
Viewings Bearwood Office

135 HURST ROAD SMETHWICK

- Close to Warley Woods & Lightwoods Park
- Gas centrally heated
- Virtually PVC double glazed throughout
- Three bedrooms & bathroom to first floor
- Spacious lounge & open access to dining room
- Kitchen and utility
- Downstairs W.C.
- Off-street parking for two cars
- IDEAL FTBS
- ENERGY RATING : D

OFFERS BASED ON £119,999
VIEWINGS BEARWOOD OFFICE

46 SABELL ROAD, SMETHWICK

- Close Smethwick High Street
- 2 double bedrooms
- First floor bathroom
- Two reception rooms
- EPC : D

OFFERS BASED ON £89950
Viewings : Bearwood Office

6 SHERWOOD ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Refurbished & extended mid-terraced property
- Gas centrally heated & PVC double glazed
- Two double bedrooms
- Superbly presented refitted bathroom with free-standing bath and individual shower
- Two reception rooms, dining room and excellent refitted kitchen
- Delightful garden to the rear with stone block store house
- INTERNAL INSPECTION NOT TO BE MISSED
- ENERGY RATING : E

OFFERS BASED ON £179,950
Viewing Bearwood Office

92 PARK ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Attractively improved villa residence
- Sympathetically improved
- Mostly double glazed
- Gas centrally heated
- Three bedrooms and refitted bathroom
- Two well-proportioned living rooms
- Large refitted kitchen and utility
- Downstairs W.C
- Gardens to front and rear
- ENERGY RATING : E

OFFERS BASED ON £179,950
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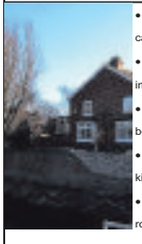
36 CANALSIDE, WINSON GREEN



- Unique canalside setting
- Beautifully improved
- 3 excellent bedroms
- Fully refitted kitchen
- Two living rooms
- EPC : F

OFFERS BASED ON £94,950
Viewings : Bearwood Office

49 PARK ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Superbly presented mid-terraced property
- Virtually PVC double glazed throughout
- Gas centrally heated
- Two bedrooms and bathroom to first floor
- Lounge, dining room and kitchen
- Neatly laid out garden to the rear
- INTERNAL INSPECTION TO BE APPRECIATED
- ENERGY RATING : E

OFFERS BASED on £147,950
Viewings Bearwood Office

128 HARBORNE ROAD BEARWOOD

- Superbly situated individual detached residence
- Excellent family accommodation or investment with consent for multi-occupation
- Gas central heating
- Directly facing Warley Woods
- 6 bedrooms as private house or 7 bedrooms for multi-occupation
- 18ft lounge and separate dining room
- Cloaks/shower room
- 20ft x 14ft fully fitted dining kitchen
- Sun lounge
- Easily maintained gardens and garage included
- ENERGY RATING : E

OFFERS BASED ON £475,000
VIEWINGS BEARWOOD OFFICE

9 CASTLE CROFT, OLDBURY
- Link detached property in quiet cul-de-sac
- Gas centrally heated
- Virtually PVC double glazed throughout
- Four bedrooms and bathroom
- Hall, spacious lounge and dining room
- Kitchen, utility and conservatory
- Downstairs W.C.
- Side garage
- Neatly laid out garden
- Off-street parking for two/three cars
- INTERNAL INSPECTION TO BE APPRECIATED

OFFERS BASED ON £285,000
Viewings Bearwood Office

51 THRONE CRESCENT, ROWLEY
- Well Presented & Extended
- 3 bedrooms
- Downstairs wetroom
- Lounge & extended sitting room
- Spacious garden
- EPC : D

OFFERS BASED ON £150,000
Viewings : Bearwood Office

ROTTON PARK ROAD, EDGBASTON

- Spacious family accommodation
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen/ breakfast room
- Internal inspection to be appreciated
- ENERGY RATING : E

Offers Based On £169,950
Viewing : Bearwood Office

4 SHERWOOD ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Extended mid-terraced property
- Gas centrally heated & PVC double glazed
- Two bedrooms & occasional bed. 3/ box room
- Two reception rooms
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Kitchen and extended utility/ dining room
- INTERNAL INSPECTION TO BE APPRECIATED
- ENERGY

OFFERS BASED ON £180,000
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Brookfield Way, Tipton

- Semi Detached Bungalow
- side Annexe
- Gas Central heating ● No Upward Chain
- 2 bedrooms, epc

OFFERS AROUND: £159,950
Viewing:

The Pineways, Oldbury

- Immaculate Ground a Floor Flat
- Upvc Double a Glazing ● Electric Heating
- Improved Attractive Accommodation
- 2 bedrooms, epc tbc

OFFERS AROUND: £82,950
Viewing:

Hellier Avenue, Tipton

- Immaculate Modern Semi Detached
- Upvc Double Glazing ● Gas central Heating
- Garage Conversion
- 3 bedrooms, EPC D

OFFERS AROUND: £149,950
Viewing:

Haines Close, Tipton

- Large Family Detached
- upvc Double Glazing ● Gas Central Heating
- Excellent Corner Position
- 4 bedrooms, EPC tbc

OFFERS AROUND: £275,000
Viewing:

Eastfield Road, Tipton

- Spacious Middle Terrace Family Home
- Upvc Double Glazing ● Gas Central Heating
- Good Size Accommodation
- 3 bedrooms, EPC D

OFFERS AROUND: £94,950
Viewing:

Churchfield Avenue, Tipton

- Much Improved Ground Floor Flat
- Upvc Double Glazing ● Gas Central Heating
- Fully Renovated to a High Standard
- 3 bedrooms, epc tbc

OFFERS OVER: £50,000
Viewing:

York Crescent, West Bromwich — NEW

- A Modern Build Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- En-Suite
- Double Glazing, First Floor Bathroom

OFFERS AROUND: £200,000
Viewing:

Whitehall Road, West Bromwich — NEW

- Three Bedrooms
- Car Port
- Kitchen/Diner
- , Front and Rear Gardens

OFFERS AROUND: £100,000
Viewing:

Newbury Lane, Oldbury — REDUCED

- Mid Terrace Property
- Close To Local Amenities
- Three Bedrooms
- Energy Rating TBC, Upstairs Bathroom

OFFERS AROUND: £99,950
Viewing:

Kelverley Grove, West Bromwich

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Cul De Sac Location
- Energy Rating TBC, Through Lounge

OFFERS AROUND: £145,000
Viewing:

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Hydes Road, West Bromwich

- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Energy Rating TBC, Conservatory

OFFERS AROUND: £199,950
Viewing:

Hall Green Road, West Bromwich

- Extended Semi Detached Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- Extended Breakfast Kitchen
- Energy Rating D, Side Garage

OFFERS AROUND: £165,000
Viewing:

Sheridan Street, West Bromwich

- Mid Terraced
- Three Bedroom
- Two Reception Rooms
- EPC Rating - D, Fitted Kitchen

OFFERS AROUND: £105,000
Viewing:

The Broadway, West Bromwich

- Traditional Semi Detached Property
- Extended Kitchen
- Two Reception Rooms
- Energy Rating TBC, Popular Residential Location

OFFERS AROUND: £120,000
Viewing:

PUBLIC NOTICE

Goldby Drive

43 GOLDBY DRIVE WEDNESBURY

We are acting in the sale of the above property and have received an offer of £77,200. Any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to the selling agent before an exchange of contracts takes place.

Meeting Street, Wednesbury

- A Modern 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Reception Hall
- EPC Rating: D, Fitted Kitchen with Oven & Hob

OFFERS AROUND: £155,000
Viewing:

Houliston Close, Wednesbury

- Well Presented Townhouse
- Two Bedrooms & First Floor Bathroom
- Modern Breakfast Kitchen
- EPC Rating C, Good Size Lounge

OFFERS AROUND: £100,000
Viewing:

Ince Road, Wednesbury

- A Spacious 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Reception Hall
- EPC Rating: D, Lounge/Diner

OFFERS AROUND: £115,000
Viewing:

Birmingham Street, Darlaston

- A 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Bungalow
- Private Driveway off Cul-de-Sac
- No Upward Chain!
- EPC Rating: 63 (D), Gas Central Heating & Double

Viewing: £120,000

Dove Close, Wednesbury

- A 4 Bedroom Detached Home Located in Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location
- Falls Within Wood Green School Encatchment Area
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing

OFFERS AROUND: £185,000
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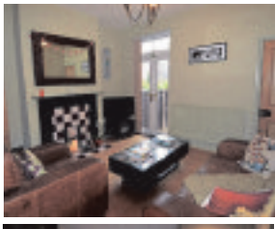
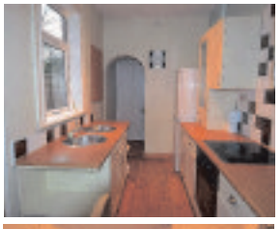
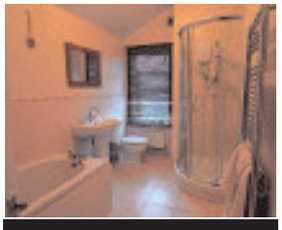


Katherine Road, Bearwood

- Much Improved Terrace
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Contemporary Bathroom
- Low Maintenance Garden
- EP Rating TBC

Offers in the region of £149,950

NEW

Upper St Marys Road, Bearwood

- Traditional End Terrace
- Close to Warley Woods
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Ground floor WC
- EP Rating E

Offers in the region of £139,950

NEW

Beechwood Road, Bearwood

- An Extended Semi Detached
- Beautifully Presented
- Two Reception Rooms
- Three Bedrooms
- No Upward Chain
- EP Rating TBC

Offer sin the region of £254,950

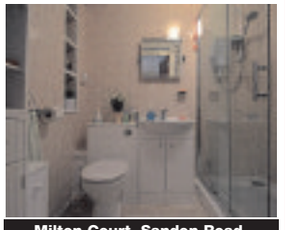
NEW

Birchley Park Avenue, Oldbury

- Modern Semi-Detached
- Beautifully Presented
- Three Bedrooms
- En Suite Shower Room
- Off Road Parking
- EP Rating TBC

Offers in the region of £144,950

NEW



Milton Court, Sandon Road, Smethwick

- Attractive Retirement Apartment
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Modern Kitchen
- Contemporary Shower Room
- Residents Parking
- EP Rating C

Offers in the region of £69,950

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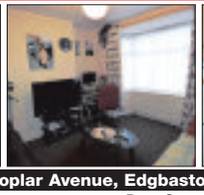

Poplar Avenue, Edgbaston

- A Mid Terrace Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Rear Garage / Store
- No Upward Chain
- EP Rating D

Offers in the region of £159,950

Edenhall Road, Quinton

Offers in the region of £229,950

NEW PRICE

Wolverhampton Road, Oldbury

- Much Improved Detached
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Spacious Dining Kitchen
- Parking and Garage
- EP Rating E

Offers in the region of £325,000

Beakes Road, Bearwood

- Charming Traditional Terrace
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Extended Kitchen
- EP Rating D

Offers in the region of £119,950

Pitcairn Road, Smethwick

- Traditional Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Ground Floor WC
- EP Rating D

Offers in the region of £174,950

Forest Road, Oldbury

- Most Attractive Semi
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- EP Rating E

Fixed Price £210,000

Gladys Road, Bearwood

- Attractive Traditional Terrace
- Two Double Bedrooms
- GF Shower & FF Bathroom
- EP Rating D

Offers in the region of £129,950

Park Avenue, Smethwick

- Well Presented Terrace
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- EP Rating E

Offers in the region of £85,000

Perry Hill Road, Oldbury

- Beautifully Presented Semi
- Five Bedrooms
- En Suite to Master Bedroom
- EP Rating D

Offers in the region of £249,950

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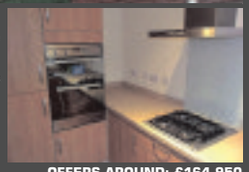
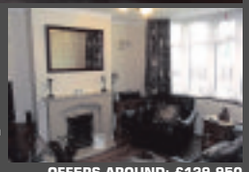
- New development with good transport links
- Finished to a high standard with modern fittings
- Garage and parking
- Large, enclosed lawned garden
- Ready for immediate occupation



OFFERS AROUND: £164,950

NEW

TIPTON MADIN ROAD
- Much improved semi on popular development
- Ideal family home conveniently placed to amenities & transport links
- Three bedrooms (two fitted)
- Re-fitted kitchen and bathroom
- Double glazing and central heating
- Vacant possession
- Superb, very large rear garden idea for children
- Viewing essential to appreciate



OFFERS AROUND: £129,950

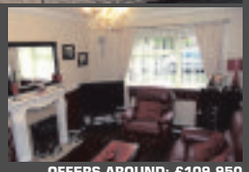
NEW

TIPTON WAEN CLOSE
- Modern end town house
- 3 well proportioned bedrooms
- Enlarged and re-modelled kitchen
- Conservatory
- Re-fitted bathroom with shower
- Cheap electricity via solar panels
- Lots of adjacent parking
- Double glazing and central heating

OFFERS AROUND: £124,950

NEW

TIPTON HORSELEY ROAD
- Semi detached bungalow
- One bedroom
- Condensing central heating
- Double glazing
- Vacant possession
- Gated off road parking
- Rear yard and stores
- Kitchen with appliances
- Disabled bathroom



OFFERS AROUND: £109,950

NEW

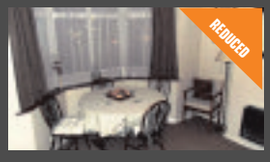
TIPTON SEDGLEY ROAD WEST
- Semi detached in established location
- 3 bedrooms
- 2 Receptions
- Off road parking, potential for garage
- Large rear garden
- Ideally placed to all amenities
- No central heating, in need of upgrading

OFFERS AROUND: £104,950

REDUCED

TIPTON GREAT MEADOW
- Modern four bed detached family home
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Second lounge
- Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Downstairs W/C
- En-suite to master

OFFERS AROUND: £238,950


REDUCED

DUDLEY BIRMINGHAM ROAD
- Traditional semi
- Ideally placed for all amenities
- Larger than average accommodation
- Three generous bedrooms
- Kitchen and veranda
- Double glazing and new condensing central heating
- Close to Dudley Town Centre
- No upward chain

OFFERS AROUND: £119,995

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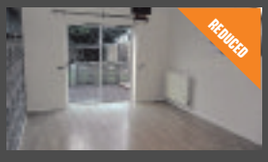
REDUCED

TIPTON MYRTLE TERRACE
- Three bedroom modern link detached
- Lounge/dining room
- Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating
- Garage
- Block paved driveway
- Front and rear gardens

OFFERS AROUND: £164,995


REDUCED

TIPTON NEWELLS DRIVE
- 2 bedroom end town house
- Head of cul-de-sac location
- Vacant possession
- Condensing boiler and double glazing
- Kitchen with appliances
- Superb re-fitted bathroom with shower
- Ample parking and enclosed private garden
- Ideal first time purchase

OFFERS OVER: £99,950

TIPTON PEPPERBOX DRIVE
- Modern Four Bed Detached Family Home
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Utility Area
- Downstairs WC
- En-Suite To Master
- Family Bathroom

OFFERS AROUND: £219,950

OLDBURY THE LENCHES
- Detached home
- Four bedrooms
- Lounge & dining room
- Breakfast kitchen
- Downstairs w/c
- En-suite from master bedroom
- Garage and off road parking
- Front and rear gardens

OFFERS AROUND: £179,500

TIPTON CREW DRIVE
- Semi detached family home
- Four bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- En-suite to master
- Family bathroom
- Front & rear gardens

OFFERS AROUND: £174,950

Sandwell Chronicle Thursday, February 19, 2015

New SR7s now available

By Sharon Walters

New, top-value SR7 versions of four favourite Kia models are available across the company's dealer network.

Every SR7 has a higher specification than the 2014 VR7 special-edition models.

LED daytime running lights, cornering lights, front foglights, automatic headlight control, privacy glass, UV-reducing solar glass, dual-zone automatic air conditioning and roof rails are the highlights of the equipment additions, depending on model. There are also new alloy wheels and colour options.

This is just the start of a list of new models, facelifts and product enhancements during 2015, spearheaded by a new Sorento. There will be a new grade '4' version of the Carens; facelifts for the Rio and Venga; an Alpine Edition Sportage and further options with the Soul Mixx and Maxx.

The Rio and Venga SR7 will be based on the respective facelifted models now in UK showrooms. The Rio SR7 is available as a three- or five-door with an 84bhp, 1.25-litre petrol engine, or as a five-door with a 1.1-litre diesel featuring Kia's ISG stop/start system. In each case the SR7 sits between the normal '1 Air' and '2' grades in the line-up.

The Rio SR7 features automatic headlight control, privacy glass on the rear windows and tailgate and UV-reducing solar glass in addition to the highlights from last year's VR7 of air conditioning, reversing sensors, a leather-trimmed steering wheel and gearshifter, Bluetooth, USB and AUX ports, electrically-adjustable heated door mirrors and electric windows (all four on five-door versions). It has the same premium black cloth upholstery fitted to the latest '2' and '3' trim grades, and bespoke 15in alloy wheels.

The Venga SR7 is available with 89bhp 1.4-litre petrol and diesel engines. ISG is fitted to the petrol unit. The SR7 sits between '1 Air' and '2' trim grades and has automatic headlight control and privacy glass on the rear windows and tailgate in addition to the VR7 key features of air conditioning, reversing sensors, Bluetooth, USB and AUX ports, electrically-adjustable heated door mirrors and electric windows.

Striking

The upholstery is the striking new Houndstooth cloth with red stitching from the facelifted Venga '1' and '1 Air', with the stitching echoed in the leather-trimmed steering wheel and gearshifter. The stylish 16in alloy wheels are the same as those fitted to Venga '2', '3' and '4' grades, while the one solid paint option (Arctic White) and three metallics (Silver Storm, Phantom Black and Infra Red) are those offered with the latest Venga '1' and '1 Air'.

The new pro-cee'd SR7 slots just below the regular 'S' grade, while the cee'd and cee'd Sportswagon SR7 fit between regular tiers '1' and '2'. All three body styles are available with a 98bhp, 1.4-litre petrol engine, while the five-door cee'd also offers an 89bhp, 1.4-litre diesel.

Every version has LED daytime running lights, cornering lights, front foglights, automatic headlight control and privacy glass on the rear windows and tailgate which were not available on the 2014 VR7. Key features carried over include air conditioning, reversing sensors, a leather-trimmed steering wheel and gearshifter, Bluetooth, USB and AUX ports, electrically-adjustable heated door mirrors and electric windows (all four on five-door versions). The upholstery is black Abstract, also found on the level '1' cee'd and Sportswagon, while the double-five-spoke 16in alloy wheels replicate those on the cee'd '2' and '3'.

The Carens SR7 offers buyers the choice of two direct-injection engines – the 1.6-litre GDi petrol unit or the 1.7-litre CRDi diesel. Both are fitted with ISG to maximise fuel economy and minimise CO2 emissions. This brings the CO2 output of the SR7 1.6 GDi down to 120g/km – the lowest in the Carens range.

Standard premium features include LED daytime running lights, front foglights, automatic headlight control, 16in alloy wheels, privacy glass on the rear windows and tailgate, premium cloth seats, reversing sensors, dual automatic air conditioning and roof rails.

The new grade '4' version of the Carens, powered by the 134bhp, 1.7-litre CRDi engine paired with either a six-speed manual or six-speed automatic transmission, has been added at the top of the range to replace the former '3 Sat Nav' model.

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X-perience with the Brownlee brothers

By David Banner

SEAT has partnered with World Champion triathletes and Olympians Alistair and Jonny Brownlee to launch its new four-wheel-drive model, the Leon X-PERIENCE.

As part of a comprehensive project with the Telegraph Media Group, the sporty Spanish car brand has set a media campaign in motion entitled the 'Brownlee Brothers X-PERIENCE – Tri Another Way'.

The first element of the campaign is the creation of five films with the super-fit duo to highlight the outdoor adventure lifestyle and off-road capability of the Leon X-PERIENCE. The first two, 'Meet the Brownlees' and 'Train like the Brownlees' are now showing on a specially created online hub, www.telegraph.co.uk/sponsored/motoring/seat-adventure.

A further three have been produced based on the usual triathlon disciplines, and will see the brothers race each other in man versus machine (Leon X-PERIENCE) challenges, leading to a nailbiting finale, all set in their beloved Yorkshire.

The second part involves SEAT being the headline sponsor of the Daily Telegraph Outdoor Adventure & Travel Show at ExCeL, London, running until Sunday. The UK's largest exhibition for adventurous people also includes access to three other shows at the same venue: Triathlon Show: London, The London Bike Show and The London International Dive Show (latter is weekend only). As well as the chance to meet the brothers, on the Saturday, SEAT will also be putting on plenty to attract showgoers throughout the event.

Visitors will be able to pit their wits against the elite athletes in three head-to-heads, using two static bikes side by side on rollers, a rowing machine and lastly, a treadmill. Prizes will be up for grabs for those who get the closest to, or even beat, the times set by the brothers in the cycling challenge, as well as one for the overall winner. There will also be SEAT giveaways on its stand, whether you're a committed fitness type, or festive excesses pound shedder, including USB keys with triathlon training tips and a nutrition guide created with the Brownlee brothers.

Battle

If that's not enough, there will also be the chance to catch the third video, released at the show, in a dedicated cinema area on the SEAT stand where the Olympians take on the rugged Leon X-PERIENCE in their first battle. Visitors can get behind the wheel of the four-wheel-drive model too, as well as several other Leons. Those looking for a more sedate day out can just admire the latter take on a specially created off-road area in the main exhibition hall, or simply sit back and relax in the SEAT sponsored café.

The recently launched estate car features all-road suspension, extra ground clearance and permanently on demand four-wheel-drive, meaning it is as at home on gravel and snow as it is on tarmac. Beneath its upmarket off-road look, it retains all of the Leon ST's trademark practicality, with a sizeable 587-litre boot – perfect for families, as well as adventurous types like triathletes, cyclists and climbers, who require lots of space to transport equipment.

SEAT is currently running a launch offer whereby the first 100 retail customers will each receive £500 worth of vouchers to spend with Tri UK, at the world's largest triathlon store, or online. Twenty of them have already been snapped up, in the car's first month in showrooms.

London's ExCel will play host to not one, but two, UK debuts as the eagerly-awaited Leon ST CUPRA 280 also takes to the stand. The latest addition to SEAT's CUPRA line-up boasts the same capacious 587-litre boot as the rest of the Leon Sports Tourer (ST) range, but comes with a devilish two-litre 280 PS engine which can power itfrom nought to 62 mph in just 6.0 seconds.

Speaking about their partnership with SEAT, Alistair commented, "We had brilliant fun filming the Challenges – we chose the ideal location in the Yorkshire Dales to make it tough for the car and for us. The car was really enjoyable to drive, but you'll need to watch the films to see who ended up winning." Jonny added, "It's been a great project to be involved with and hopefully people will enjoy the films and find them useful for their training as well."

Andy McGregor, SEAT UK's National Communications & Digital Marketing Manager, said, "We successfully launched the first Leon estate, the ST (Sports Tourer) at the three Daily Telegraph shows last year, so it was an easy decision to try and emulate it for our newcomer, the Leon X-PERIENCE. It's got a healthy dose of style, with a really premium feel and off-road capability, all perfect ingredients for many visitors to the shows who are seeking a good-looking and reliable car in which to escape. We're also delighted to be working with the Brownlee brothers, who will take us into previously unchartered territory for the SEAT range."

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Regeneration and Economy
Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
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Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010

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DC/15/57904	Mr Tony Bunney Galliford Try Partnerships	Land Adjacent 16 & 23 Eagle Close & Land Between 39 & Day Centre Harvest Road Rowley Regis	Proposed erection of 20 No. 2 and 3 bedroom houses with associated ground works and access road.

This is a major application.

DC/15/57905	Mr Tony Bunney Galliford Try Partnerships	Site Of Harvest Court Harvest Road Rowley Regis	Proposed erection of 11 No. 2 and 3 bedroom houses with associated ground works and access road.

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DC/15/57906	Mr Tony Bunney Galliford Try Partnerships	Land At The Junction Of The Avenue Harvest Road Rowley Regis	Erection of 14 No. 2 and 3 bedroom houses with associated ground works and access road.

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Mr Nick Bubalo, Area Director – Regeneration and Economy

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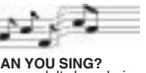

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Baggies may have new strike force duo

Albion 2 Swansea 0

THE Baggies produced their best performance so far in Pulis's short reign to claim a richly deserved victory over a talented Swansea side.

And amid the drive, determination and sheer hard work that was the cornerstone of the win, The Hawthorns will hope it witnessed the start of a potent partnership between Saido Berahino and Brown Ideye.

The forwards each claimed a goal and an assist and showed signs of an understanding that the Baggies have been lacking so desperately all season.

The opening chance of the second half fell to Swansea's Federico Fernandez, who met a corner from Shelvey but produced a wayward shot.

It looked like being a frustrating evening for the hosts until the hour mark, when the Baggies broke the deadlock. Ashley Williams made a tackle but the ball broke fortunately to Ideye and he responded with a fine finish to beat Fabianski.

Albion's performance had merited a second goal and it arrived on 74 minutes. Berahinor exchanged passes calmly with Ideye and then bent a wonderful, right-footed finish inside the post.

Strangers' title hopes hang by thread

QUEENS Park Strangers' title hopes hang by a thread after they were beaten 11-10 by Szaints in a Pulse Wednesbury Wednesday five-a-side league classic.

Coming into the game just two points behind leaders Manabless, Strangers knew that a win was vital to keep the pressure on, while anything less than victory for Szaints would have seen their slim hopes ended.

The importance of the contest was evident from the off, as the two sides went hammer and tong, both producing arguably their best displays of the season.

Pulse

It was a match no one deserved to lose, but it was Szaints who got the all-important goal which settled it, giving them the three points which sees them draw level with their opponents in the standings, and more importantly ensuring the gap to the leaders remains at five points.

The result rounded off a perfect day for Manabless after they opened up proceedings with a 5-0 win over Warr FC. The defending champions began the campaign in unconvincing fashion considering their own high standards, but they're still showing they are once again the team to beat, and with a healthy advantage now over the chasing pack they look good to take the trophy home.

The other game of the night saw Sporting show what they're capable of on their day as they came up with a superb performance to beat Dek's Trotters 14-2.

It's too late for them to mount a challenge, but this display will give them plenty of confidence for next season.

Craig is off to a bad start with loss

OLDBURY'S Craig Cunningham couldn't recover from a bad start to his appearance in Prizefighter – but put up a fight before bowing out at the first hurdle, *writes Craig Birch*.

The Midlands middleweight champion lost to eventual Prizefighter winner Tom Doran in the fourth and last quarter-final at the Winter Gardens in Blackpool, live on Sky Sports.

There was just 14 seconds on the clock when the first meaningful exchange nearly bowled Cunningham over, despite landing a decent southpaw left of his own.

His lunge forward saw him talk onto a right uppercut from Doran, sending him stumbling back into the ropes. Unhurt, he soon collected his senses.

But Cunningham was shook as a left jab allowed Doran to load up a right hook that tested his jaw, before a scruffy knockdown spelt more trouble.

The knockdown affected the contest as it went to the cards with judges Terry O'Connor and Ian John-Lewis giving Cunningham a round, while Phil Edwards had it as a 30-26 whitewash.

Doran went on to win the whole tournament, stopping Cello Renda.

Villa edge their way into quarter finals

Villa 2 Leicester 1

TIM Sherwood saw his new Villa side edge into the FA Cup quarter-finals with a 2-1 win over Leicester.

Sherwood had a watching brief but, after a goalless opening 45 minutes, his half-time team-talk seemed to galvanise Villa and goals from Leandro Bacuna and Scott Sinclair settled a scrappy game.

Andrej Kramaric netted an injury-time consolation for the Foxes but they could not force a replay.

First-team coach Scott Marshall took charge of Villa after ex-Tottenham boss Sherwood was appointed as Paul Lambert's successor on Saturday.

Marcin Wasilewski hit the post for Leicester and Shay Given denied Matty James, while Christian Benteke and Andi Weimann had goals ruled out for offside for the hosts.

But Villa reached the last eight for the first time since 2010 despite their late scare.

Benteke, Bacuna, Ron Vlaar, Tom Cleverley and Given all returned for Villa while Leicester replaced the cup-tied Robert Huth with Wasilewski.

Foxes boss Nigel Pearson was also in the stands and would have been worried by the Foxes' slow start.

Eager to impress, Villa opened well and Weimann blazed over from 16 yards but their attacking threat waned, showing Sherwood the immediate problem he needs to fix.

While there was plenty of endeavour, the hosts lacked quality with Benteke isolated and unable to seriously trouble the Foxes defence.

Football

It gave Leicester encouragement and Wasilewski glanced James' corner across goal and onto the face of the far post after 12 minutes.

Slowly, the Foxes began to assert themselves and Kramaric went down under pressure from Vlaar before Wes Morgan headed over.

Leicester were on top and Villa needed Given to roll back the years after 31 minutes to deny James.

Jeff Schlupp's pass was dummied by Esteban Cambiasso for James to arrow a shot towards the top corner, only for Given to save.

Villa thought they were ahead a minute before the break when Benteke swept into the corner, but it was ruled offside.

The hosts began the second half well and Fabian Delph's mis-hit header flew over before Mark Schwarzer saved at Benteke's feet.

Bacuna unleashed a curling effort into the bottom corner from 18 yards.

Villa made it 2-0 in the 89th minute through a Schwarzer own goal.

Leicester hit back in stoppage time when Kramaric headed in Schlupp's cross.

Esteban Cambiasso challenges Fabian Delph during the FA Cup qualifyer at Villa park

Duo keep Gornal in running

Casuals 2 Gornal 5

TWO goals apiece from Thomas Piggot and Dreniz Bala ended Wolverhampton Casuals unbeaten West Midlands League Premier Division run and kept Gornal's promotion hopes alive.

Gornal opened the scoring with Piggott in the 20th minute.

Casuals hit back with Dan Westwood equalising in the 45th minute.

Gornal regained the lead with Piggott finishing off some good work from substitute James Baldwin in the 58th minute. Bala added a third in the 65th minute. Westwood put the home side back in the game. Liam Hickman made it 2-4. Bala claimed his second and Gornal's 5th in the 80th minute.

Danny gets the winner for Tividale

Tividale 1 Kidsgrove 0

IN their first home game since New Year's Day, Tividale battled their way to Evo-Stik First Division South points against an improving Kidsgrove Athletic.

Tividale should have gone ahead after nine minutes when Jordan Archer was upended by Kidsgrove's Dave McPherson with the referee pointing to the spot.

Zach Foster stepped up to take the penalty but dragged the ball wide of the right hand post.

Andy Kinsey had the first effort on target in the second half. Tiv's skipper Richard Huckfield then headed over a Foster corner.

But the hosts grabbed the winner five minutes later throughDanny Ashton.

Points docking possible for Blues

BLUES may face a possible points deduction after the club's parent company went into receivership.

Birmingham International Holdings (BIHL) has appointed Ernst and Young Transactions Limited to manage the company day-to-day.

The Championship club have quickly eased any fears over their future and insist they are not in financial difficulty and will fulfil their fixtures.

A Football League spokesman said: "The League received notification regarding the appointment of receivers by Birmingham City's holding company.

"We have requested a meeting with the club and the appointed receivers at the earliest opportunity to discuss the matter."

Football finance expert David Bick says Ernst and Young will have to act swiftly to demonstrate there has been no form of insolvency in order to ensure Birmingham are not deducted points. "What counts here in an insolvency event as it's called, is the opinion of the Football League (who will decide) if the club is unable to discharge all of its obligations under league rules." Bick said.

The BIHL board, based in Hong Kong, has moved to end the internal politics .

Baggies offer free coaches

ALBION will offer fans free coach travel to their potentially crucial Premier League game at Crystal Palace on April 18.

The Baggies will run the free travel initiative for the 13th successive season for the visit to Selhurst Park, although the date of the game will change if they reach the FA Cup semi-finals.

The club are laying on 40 free coaches, providing travel for 2,000 fans. Coach tickets can be booked at the same time match tickets are purchased.

With both the Baggies and the Eagles battling for survival, the game could be pivotal to the relegation battle.

The Palace clash will be Baggies boss Tony Pulis' first return to the club he saved from relegation last season.

Tividale in semi after sudden death goal

Walsall Senior Cup Quarter Final
Romulus FC 0 Tividale FC 0 (aet)
Tividale win 5-4 on pens

Football

TIVIDALE will play either Bolehall Swifts or Chasetown in the Semi-Final of the Walsall Senior Cup after overcoming a spirited Romulus side on penalties on their 3G pitch at Coles Lane.

After a string of games on heavy pitches Tividale struggled to get to grips with the home side's slick passing on the artificial surface and they had the best of the first half.

The first chance on goal fell to Romulus forward Jed Davies but his effort was comfortably saved by Paul Evans making his debut in the Tividale goal.

Tividale did come even closer on 22 minutes when from a free kick on the edge of the box Zach Foster hit the crossbar.

But it was Romulus who were doing the majority of the running and the tricky Edwin Akenkorah just failed to latch onto a long ball on 30 minutes as Evans was alert and quick off his line to collect the ball. On the hour the visitors made a couple of changes bringing on Danny Ashton and Nigel Penney for Ryan Winwood and Mitchell Botfield.

With Ashton going into the right back role and pushing Chris Field into the middle of the park while Penney played wide right.

As the game moved into extra time Tividale's Field was now the holding player in the middle of the park while Leigh Downing was playing a more advanced role and it was his clever through ball that put Romulus defender Liam Francis under pressure but Karl Edwards failed to cash in. During the penalties Romulus' Luke Keen scored first, Downing made it 1-1. Mark Branch put Romulus 2-1 up; Edwards made it 2-2. Greg Downes made it 3-2 and Danny Ashton levelled it at 3-3. Barry Fitzharris then blazed his effort over and Andy Parsons put Tividale in the driving seat at 3-4. Ahenkorah had to score to keep Romulus in and he made no mistake 4-4. So it was down to Dave Bellis to see Tividale through but he dragged his effort wide to take it to sudden death. Jackson blazed over but Penney made no mistake and Tividale go through.

IDEYE TURNS INTO HAWTHORNS HERO

Albion 4 West Ham 0

BROWN Ideye is on his way to becoming a cult hero among the Hawthorns fans.

What's more he appears to be feeding off the adulation. But more crucially to Tony Pulis, Ideye's unexpected renaissance has been the catalyst for an overall improvement.

Football

The Albion performance at Turf Moor was awful but the point Ideye's goal earned was priceless, both for the Premier League table and for the collective psyche of the Albion squad.

Since then they have outplayed two of the Premier League's established top-half sides, claimed three vital Premier League points and a place in an FA Cup quarter-final, and given their fans an injection of optimism into the bargain.

Blown

And now, as well as increased hope that they can avoid the drop, they stand just one win from a Wembley semi-final in an FA Cup that was blown wide open one round ago with the exit of a host of Premier League big-boys.

Out of nowhere, a season with so many depressing moments has the possibility of a truly memorable denouement. Everywhere Pulis turns he can see players whose fortunes are on the up and they are a couple of kind draws and one or two performances similar to this one from a piece of history.

Gareth McAuley and Joleon Lescott have formed an imposing pairing at centre-back, Craig Dawson and Chris Brunt are making a decent fist of unfamiliar full-back duties, Claudio Yacob has re-emerged as a key midfield figure and Callum McManaman is slowly finding his feet.

With Darren Fletcher available again for Premier League assignments and Saido Berahino back on the goal trail, things are looking brighter all round for Pulis.

They made the running from the start on Saturday before Ideye got on the scoresheet for the third time in as many games.

He arrived with perfect timing to turn home a cross from the energetic Dawson.

The Baggies did double their lead two minutes before the interval as Morrison stepped through a mistimed challenge from Mark Noble, set himself and blasted a swerving drive inside the post.

The Baggies were 3-0 up on 57 minutes when Ideye struck again, heading home a deflected cross from Stephane Sessegnon .

Berahino netted Albion's fourth from a tight angle.

Albion's Brown Ideye celebrates scoring their first goal of the game with team-mate Saido Berahino

Wembley topic is banned

TONY PULIS has banned all talk of Wembley at Albion as he attempts to keep his players focused on their Premier League survival mission.

Pulis has ordered players and staff not to discuss their FA Cup adventure which has now taken them to a mouth-watering quarter-final against Villa on the second weekend of March.

But, despite the tie capturing the imagination of both sets of fans, Pulis is adamant it cannot be allowed to distract his side from their main aim of staying in the top flight.

The Baggies claimed back-to-back Hawthorns wins last week, beating Swansea 2-0 in the Premier League to give their hopes of staying up a major boost before thrashing West Ham 4-0 to reach the last eight of the FA Cup for the first time in 2008, when they went on to make the semi-finals.

But Pulis is keen to eliminate the risk of complacency and has therefore slapped a ban on any talk at the club of the eagerly-anticipated meeting with Villa. The Baggies face three crucial Premier League fixtures before travelling to Villa Park.

Dove rescues Lockmen point

Willenhall 1 Dudley Town 1

SUBSTITUTE Matt Dove rescued a point for Willenhall in their West Midlands Premier clash against Dudley Town.

The Robins went ahead on 54 minutes through Rion Francis Mills.

But 11 minutes from time Dove arrived to hook a great finish over the keeper.

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